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Firefighter's death spurs investigation

Multiple suspensions, demotions follow drug probe in New Britain

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

After the suspected overdose death of an off-duty city firefighter in January, New Britain suspended seven firefighters and fired another in connection with an apparent ring that used drugs at various firehouses, city officials said.

In addition, nearly a half-dozen firefighters filed retirement papers while a months-long internal investigation was underway.

And just weeks ago, commanders conducted a large-scale staff transfer between New Britain's eight firehouses to break up cliques of troubled employees, Mayor Erin Stewart said Monday.

Acknowledging the revelations as "a black eye" for the 129-member department, Fire Chief Rafael Ortiz said discipline is being mixed with rehabilitation for the offenders.

"We have to address these issues so they don't fester," Ortiz said. "We take providing a drug-free workplace very seriously. We've taken swift action and we've held those individuals accountable."

Stewart, who has been consulting with city lawyers for months as the circle of trouble widened, publicly spoke Monday about the case for the first time.

"The majority of our staff come in to work every day, do well, protect our citizens and do it because they love this job and take it seriously," Stewart told the Courant.

"They're embarrassed — and so am I — that we have to even come forth and talk about what you and I would perceive to be common sense: To not do drugs at work or be under the influence at work," she said.

Rumors of drug use in the fire department started circulating soon after Firefighter Matthew Dizney, 36, was found dead at his Southington home on Jan. 26.

Southington police have been investigating it as a suspicious

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ABOVE: Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin speaks to the family of Guillermo Gonzalez, the city's 13th homicide victim in 2022, during a prayer vigil held by the community group Mothers United Against Violence. **BELOW:** The Rev. Henry Brown, co-founder of Mothers United Against Violence, calls on members of the community to identify perpetrators of gun violence. **PHOTOS BY TED GLANZER/ HARTFORD COURANT**

As gun fatalities rise, call for accountability

Mothers United Against Violence urge community to take a stand

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

Guillermo Gonzalez had just stepped out of his apartment building at 305 Zion St. on the morning of May 10 to grab a hot dog when he became Hartford's 13th homicide victim, an unintended target of a drive-by shooting.

The 59-year-old, according to family members, had followed COVID protocols to the letter because he had underlying health issues. Yet he was cut down by a stray bullet when he went out for a quick bite to eat and some fresh air, leaving his tight-knit family members, many of whom also live in the building, with bottomless grief.

"It doesn't matter where you live, it's a thing called evil that's upon us ... It's a great evil. It's called gun violence. People are dying every day. People are being shot up every day."

— Rev. Henry Brown, Mothers United Against Violence

At a prayer vigil held by the community group Mothers United Against Violence on Monday, the Rev. Henry Brown spoke for about 20 minutes in front of the apartment building with righteous fury directed not just at the perpetrators, but also members of the community who know who fired the shots that killed Gonzalez, yet remain silent out of fear.

"Until the Black and Brown people in our community unite to stop it, it's not going to stop," Brown told the crowd of about 40, many of whom wore black shirts that said "RIP Guillo" with Gonzalez's picture. "We've got to hold ourselves accountable for what's going on in

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Gun violence draws outcry

Connecticut senators continue their fight for federal protections

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

In the wake of a violent weekend of coast-to-coast mass shootings, Connecticut legislators said they are grappling with a phenomenon that has become all too familiar: the normalization of gun violence.

Blumenthal

Lawmakers say they are left calling, desperately, for the same common-sense gun laws they've been championing for years as fatalities increase across the United States, hitting home in Hartford, where the number of deadly shootings has spiked already this year.

"It's a moral indictment of our nation that we have failed to act with federal protections against gun violence," said Sen. Richard Blumenthal on Monday, two days after a gunman shot 13 people in a supermarket in Buffalo, killing 10, and one day after one person died and five were wounded in a shooting in a church in Laguna Woods, California.

With the 10-year anniversary of the Sandy Hook massacre fast approaching, legislatures say they are still fighting for some of the same things they began advocating for years ago, like universal background checks and stricter laws surrounding the types of weapons people are allowed to buy.

Sen. Blumenthal said that he is "sadder and angrier than ever" that, approaching an entire decade since Sandy Hook, the nation is still grappling with now "normalized" mass shootings and increasing rates of everyday gun violence.

Blumenthal said the upward trend in gun violence is a scary one that can't be plotted or predicted. According to the Gun Violence Archive, which independently collects nationwide shooting data, there have been nearly 200 mass shootings in 2022, only 4½ months into the year.

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Police: Gunman planned 2nd attack

Suspect in Buffalo talked of another shooting had he fled

By Carolyn Thompson and Michael Balsamo
Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The white gunman accused of massacring 10 Black people in a racist rampage at a Buffalo supermarket planned to keep killing if he had escaped the scene, the police commissioner said Monday, as the possibility of federal hate crime or domestic terror charges loomed.

The gunman, who had crossed the state to target people at the Tops Friendly Market, had talked about shooting up another store as well, Buffalo Police Commissioner Joseph Gramaglia told CNN.

"He was going to get in his car and continue to drive down Jefferson Avenue and continue doing the same thing," the commissioner said.

The commissioner's account was similar to portions of a racist 180-page document, purportedly written by Payton Gendron, that said the assault was intended to terrorize all nonwhite, non-Christian people and get them to leave the country. Federal authorities were working to confirm the document's authenticity.

Investigators also said Monday the suspect taunted law enforcement online last month and

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Attorney Ben Crump, right, speaks during a news conference Monday along with relatives of Ruth Whitfield, a victim of the shooting at a Buffalo supermarket that killed 10 people. **MATT ROURKE/AP**

Raytheon and startup to develop hypersonic aircraft

Raytheon Technologies Corp., the parent company of Pratt & Whitney, is partnering with an Atlanta startup to develop hypersonic aircraft. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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Police: Body recovered from Connecticut River in Hartford

Hartford Courant

Police confirmed Monday that a deceased person was pulled from the Connecticut River in Hartford Sunday.

Hartford Fire Department District Chief/Public Information Officer Mario Oquendo, Jr. said companies responded to 20 Leibert Rd. at the North Boat Landing just before noon Sunday.

"A deceased adult male was removed from the water at dock by Hartford Fire personnel," Oquendo said.

Oquendo said Hartford police and the Chief State Medical Examiner's office took control of the scene and were conducting the investigation.

"Fire companies had all cleared the scene shortly after," Oquendo said.

A message seeking comment was sent to the state medical examiner's office.

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death; the medical examiner is still awaiting results of toxicology tests, but New Britain officials say it was an apparent drug overdose.

Among the evidence investigators reportedly found was Dizney's phone, which had a record of his text messages back and forth with Lt. Michael Yagmin, city officials said. They repeatedly referred to a "stack" and a "bun," which New Britain police identified as street terms for various quantities of drugs.

In one exchange, Yagmin appears to offer Adderall pills to Dizney, city officials said. New Britain police determined there wasn't enough evidence to charge Yagmin criminally, but city officials fired him after concluding that he lied at an administrative hearing.

"You were knowingly supplying, giving, selling, sharing and using illegal drugs and your prescription Adderall pills with a private in the fire department" and delivered drugs to Dizney while he was on duty, according to Stewart's Feb. 18 letter of termination to Yagmin.

Yagmin was accused of commission of a criminal or immoral act, conduct unbecoming of a city employee and untruthfulness at a Garrity Act hearing, according to city officials.

Yagmin denied any drug use or misconduct, and is appealing the dismissal, a union official said. The state labor board is expected to hear the case next month or in July. Yagmin could not be reached for comment.

Between mid-March and early April, the city issued 30-day unpaid suspensions to seven other senior firefighters. All were either lieutenants, a supervisory rank, or drivers, an upper-seniority assignment.

To keep their jobs, they all admitted to violating the city's code of conduct. They accepted demotions to private as well as three-year probation periods where they cannot seek promotion.

They also agreed to go to some form of drug counseling or rehabilitation, officials said. And, as part of their "last chance" agreements, they also signed off on accepting random drug testing at any time during that probation.

Stewart said they were part of a loosely aligned group of firefighters, several of whom admitted to being at work under the influence of drugs. Adderall was a particularly popular drug for the group, but there was also evidence of less frequent heroin or marijuana use, she said.

"The reason these guys weren't fired is that each of them told somewhat of their truth. The one that completely lies about everything is the one who was let go," she said.

"The individuals who are being brought back are remorseful, they understand the severity of their actions and they're getting the help they need," Ortiz said. "There's a path to redemption for those individuals."

Ken Keough, president of Local 992, the city firefighters union, said it was good that the seven firefighters can save their careers.

"We've had issues where certain individuals had trouble with drug issues and they've had a chance to reform," said "Many of them are still seeking out help and I think that's a good thing."

Ortiz said he and the mayor's office have worked to establish a drug-testing policy since he was hired four years ago. Negotiations with the union stalled during the pandemic, but have resumed.

"Everybody has been working in good faith. I believe we're very close to coming to terms," Keough said. "We're getting there, unfortunately it's not happening overnight."

Stewart was pointedly less optimistic, saying that union has stalled progress for too long — and even after the death of one of its members.

"As of today, the fire union has still failed to agree to a drug-testing policy," she said. "It boggles my mind why the union has failed to coordinate with the city to put forth a policy that is going to ensure the safety of our citizens and the safety of the firefighting men and women of our department.

"Obviously there have been things going on here for years that nobody opened their mouths about. The unfortunate reality is it took firefighter Matt Dizney's death to highlight it," she said. "If I would have known, I have the tools at my disposal to have been able to help him and others that need it."

U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy, shown in the U.S. embassy in Belgrade, Serbia, on April 19, called background checks "the holy grail" that will reduce gun violence. **DARKO VOJINOVIC/AP FILE**

Senators

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In Hartford, 15 people have been killed by gunfire since the start of 2022, according to the Hartford Police Department.

Though states like Connecticut have tightened their gun laws, Blumenthal and Sen. Chris Murphy say federal legislation needed to protect the nation from frequent shootings is still lacking.

"It is a stark and stunning sign of dysfunction and moral decrepitude that Congress has been so complicit," said Blumenthal.

Appearing on MSNBC after the Buffalo shooting to talk about gun violence, Sen. Murphy said that he thinks the nation is facing "two really frightening phenomena that are happening in this country right now" — the normalization of racism and the normalization of mass shootings.

Murphy said that "the upward spiral in gun violence the last few years is absolutely heartbreaking."

Two people losing their lives to gun violence in Hartford this past weekend should be enough of a catalyst for change, he said, but even paired with mass shootings on both coasts, he's afraid it won't be.

Murphy and Blumenthal have both worked to advocate for stricter laws around assault-style weapons. What happened inside the Tops supermarket in Buffalo on Saturday, said Murphy, involved a kind of firearm that he thinks the average person shouldn't have access to.

"The Buffalo shooter had a gun that, in any other high-income nation, he wouldn't be allowed to purchase," he said. The senator added that he felt the same about the weapon used in Newtown.

"I'm confident that some of those 20 kids would still be alive today if Adam Lanza didn't have that kind of gun," he said.

Blumenthal said he is working on legislation to restrict the production of ghost guns, which are often 3D printed or pieced together at home from parts ordered online and are therefore nearly impossible to trace. He is also meeting with colleagues and experts this week to tackle what he called an explosion in domestic violence rates since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, while Murphy said background checks are, in his opinion, "the holy grail" of legislation that will reduce gun violence.

Both senators said they're proud of the progress Connecticut has made at the state level to protect its people from gun violence.

"States have stepped forward, Connecticut among them, with tremendous bravery and boldness, and I'm very proud to be from a state that has demonstrated such courage and vision," said Blumenthal. "Even if we are also home to a tragedy that has become a synonym for mass murder by guns."

Murphy said that looking back 10 years, Connecticut has been joined by a long litany of states with mass shootings. In his experience, there will be no epiphany, no single moment or tragedy that creates change. What's needed, Murphy said, is a gradual growth of political power that will push forward a reform on gun laws. As that grows, they will continue to advocate for legislation to help reduce gun violence.

Blumenthal hopes to help lawmakers in Washington recognize that, emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic, "parts of our nation, maybe our whole nation, is in the midst of a mental health crisis that is literally tearing apart the psyches and stabilities of our people." He will continue to advocate for mental health care, stricter hate crime laws and a swift, effective attempt to slow the steady rise of domestic violence, racial violence and deadly shootings.

Murphy is hopeful that the violent weekend will force people to ask themselves why this has become the norm.

"I do hope that folks look at what happened in Buffalo and ask themselves whether we still need to allow these weapons," he said. "Nobody needs a 30-round magazine to hunt or protect their home."

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Monday, May 16

PLAY3 DAY
3 9 0 **WB:** 8

PLAY4 DAY
2 4 2 7 **WB:** 4

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TUESDAY'S LATE NUMBERS

PLAY3 NIGHT
6 0 1 **WB:** 2

PLAY4 NIGHT
8 3 8 6 **WB:** 8

CASH 5
1 13 14 24 32

LUCKY FOR LIFE
4 7 13 25 40 **LB:** 13

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Examples of the debris and garbage retrieved during the yearlong Lake Tahoe cleanup are displayed on May 10 in Stateline, Nevada. **HAVEN DALEY/AP**

Tahoe divers strike it rich with trash

Tons of debris belie pristine surface of famous alpine lake

By Scott Sonner
Associated Press

STATELINE, Nev. — They found no trace of a mythical creature, no sign of mobsters in concrete shoes or long-lost treasure chests.

But scuba divers who spent a year cleaning up Lake Tahoe's entire 72-mile shoreline have come away with what they hope will prove much more valuable: tons of trash.

In addition to removing 25,000 pounds of underwater litter since last May, divers and volunteers have been meticulously sorting and logging the types and GPS locations of the waste.

The dozens of dives that concluded this month were part of a first-of-its-kind effort to learn more about the source and potential harm caused by plastics and other pollutants in the storied alpine lake on the California-Nevada state line.

It's also taken organizers on a journey through the history, folklore and development of the lake atop the Sierra Nevada that holds enough water to cover all of California 14 inches deep.

The Washoe Tribe fished the turquoise-blue Tahoe for centuries before westward expansion in the mid-1800s brought railroads, timber barons and eventually Gatsby-like decadence to what became a playground for the rich and famous.

Tahoe's first casino was built in 1902 by Elias J. "Lucky" Baldwin, who owned a big chunk of east Los Angeles and built the prominent Santa Anita horse track in 1907. Massive lakefront estates followed for decades, including one used for the filming of "The Godfather: Part II."

Cleanup organizers say one of the things locals ask most is whether they've found any gangsters' remains near the north shore. That's where Frank Sinatra lost his gaming license for allegedly fraternizing with organized crime bosses at his Cal-Neva hotel-casino in the 1960s.

The recovered debris mostly has consisted of things like bottles, tires, fishing gear and sunglasses.

But Colin West, founder of the nonprofit environmental group that launched the project, Clean Up the Lake, said there have been some surprises.

Divers think they spotted shipwreck planks near Dead Man's Point, where tribal tales tell of a lake monster — later dubbed "Tahoe Tessie"— living beneath Cave Rock.

They've also turned up a few "No Littering" signs, engine blocks, lampposts, a diamond ring and "those funny, fake plastic owls that sit on boats to scare off birds," West said.

"It's shocking to see how much trash has accumulated under what appears to be such a pristine lake," said Matt Levitt, founder and CEO of Tahoe Blue Vodka, which has contributed $100,000 to the cleanup.

His businesses is among many — including hotels, casinos and ski resorts — dependent on the 15 million-plus people who visit annually to soak up the view Mark Twain described in "Roughing It" in 1872 as the "fairest picture the whole earth affords."

"It is our economic engine," Levitt said.

And while most contributors and volunteers were motivated primarily to help beautify the lake, it's what happens once the litter is piled ashore that excites scientists.

Shoreline cleanups have occurred across the nation for years but that litter goes into recycle bins and garbage bags for disposal.

Each piece from 189 separate Tahoe dives to depths of 25 feet was charted by GPS and meticulously divided into categories including plastic, metal and cloth.

Plastics are key because international research increasingly shows some types can break down into smaller pieces known as microplastics.

Scientists are still studying the extent and human harm from the tiny bits. But the National Academy of Sciences said in December that the U.S. — the world's top plastics-waste producer — should reduce plastics production because so much winds up in oceans and waterways.

Zoe Harrold, a biochemist, led scientists at the Desert Research Institute in Reno who first documented microplastics in Tahoe in 2019. She was the lead author of Clean Up the Lake's 2021 report on a 6-mile pilot project.

"If left in place, the ongoing degradation of submerged litter, particularly plastic and rubber, will continue to slowly release microplastics and leachates into Lake Tahoe's azure waters," Harrold wrote.

The cleanup comes a half-century after scientists started measuring Tahoe's waning clarity as the basin began to experience explosive growth.

Most credit, or blame, completion of the interstate system for the 1960 Winter Olympics near Tahoe City. The first ever televised, it introduced the world to the lake surrounded by snow-covered peaks.

From 1960 to 1980, Tahoe's population grew from 10,000 to 50,000 — 90,000 in the summer, the U.S. Geological Survey said. Peak days now approach 300,000.

"The majority of what we're pulling out is a result of basically just the human impact of recreating, living and building a community here in the Lake Tahoe region," West said.

His group plans dives this year at other Sierra lakes, including June Lake east of Yosemite National Park, and will expand future Tahoe searches to deeper depths.

The nonprofit Tahoe Fund is commissioning artists to create a sculpture made from Tahoe's trash at an events center being built in Stateline, on the lake's south shore.

"Our hope is that it will inspire greater environmental stewardship and remind those who love Lake Tahoe that it's up to all of us to take care of it," Tahoe Fund CEO Amy Berry said.

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our community. We have to hold each other accountable, Black, Puerto Rican, we are dying in these streets every day. ... Here's the kicker: We need to cooperate with the police.

"We keep saying, 'I don't like the police. I don't want to get involved with the police. I don't want to talk to the police.' Then how is it going to stop unless we talk to the police? We need to start telling what we know. When you see something, say something. ... We've got to make it better for all the young people to live. ... You've got to take a stand. You've got to dig in."

Brown noted that Gonzalez was the third person in a year to be killed by stray gunfire.

Sylvia "Pebbles" Cordova was killed by a bullet that ripped through her home while she was cooking on June 9, 2021.

In March, Cynthia Reynolds, 62, was tending to her garden in Hartford when she was unintentionally gunned down.

Brown also alluded to two more homicides — the city's 14th and 15th of the year — that took place in Hartford over the weekend.

"What I'm saying is there are senseless killings going on in Hartford." Brown said. "It doesn't matter where you live, it's a thing called evil that's upon us in Hartford, Connecticut," Brown said. "It's a great evil. It's called gun violence. People are dying every day. People are being shot up every day."

Brown said he wanted to see a change in the community in Gonzalez's name, because the perpetrators of gun violence have "too much power."

"We don't want to see anybody else laying down in the streets," Brown said. "We need justice."

Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, who attended the vigil, told Gonzalez's family members he couldn't fathom the grief they were experiencing.

"I can never understand the pain that you're in right now," Bronin said. "We're not asking anything of you other than to take care of yourselves and take care of your loved ones."

Bronin said, without giving away too much, that the police had several substantial leads concerning the perpetrators in Gonzalez's killing.

"I hope you know [the police] are doing everything they can to bring to justice the people who did this," he said. "They take this personally."

A tearful Joanna Rodriguez, Gonzalez's niece, promised that whoever was responsible for her uncle's death would be brought to justice.

"We're going to get justice," she said. "You guys took a great man."

The vigil comes on the heels of a weekend that saw the shooting deaths of Jordan Maddox, 24, of Warren Street, on Saturday, and Jaime Holmes, 30, of East Hartford, on Sunday.

In a separate interview, Bronin said the city was taking a multifaceted approach to reduce gun violence "with more resources than we've ever been able to bring to bear before."

Bronin said that includes stepping up law enforcement efforts to take illegal guns off the streets and to solve homicide cases and non-fatal shooting cases.

In addition, Hartford is investing in community partnerships such as the recently announced hospital violence intervention program, intensive engagement with youths who are most at risk of engaging in violence, the expansion of the Re-entry Welcome Center and the "reinvigoration" of Project Longevity, Bronin said.

"There is no single or simple answer to the problem of gun violence," Bronin said. "We're going to do everything we can to make sure both our law enforcement have the tools and resources they need and that our community partnerships are as strong as they can be."

Bronin noted that with the weekend shootings, there was a "strong intersection" between gun violence and narcotics trafficking.

"Our officers have stepped up even further their targeted enforcement, focused on that intersection of drugs and guns," Bronin said. "It seems clear from what we know thus far that in both of the two homicides that occurred over the weekend, the shootings were targeted and were connected to drug trafficking."

Bronin also acknowledged the devastating effect communities experience with gun violence.

"Any time there is an incident of gun violence in any community it is deeply painful and traumatic and the grief ripples outward," he said.

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visited Buffalo back in March.

Payton Gendron, 18, began posting threads on the social media platform Discord about body armor and guns, and in April made provocative remarks about federal law enforcement, the FBI agent in charge for Buffalo, Stephen Belongia, said.

Gendron, 18, traveled 200 miles from his home in Conklin, New York, police said. Authorities said he wielded an AR-15-style rifle, wore body armor and used a helmet camera to livestream the attack on the internet.

Federal prosecutors said they are contemplating federal hate crime charges.

Meanwhile, Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., a former member of GOP leadership in the House, on Monday called out her party's leaders for enabling the spread of white nationalism that infused the gunman's purported manifesto.

"The House GOP leadership has enabled white nationalism, white supremacy, and antisemitism," Cheney wrote on Twitter. "History has taught us that what begins with words ends in far worse. @GOP leaders must renounce and reject these views and those who hold them."

Her statement came as Republicans in Congress angrily pushed back against accusations that their language and actions perpetuated the racism and xenophobia that were apparently behind the massacre.

Former Buffalo Fire Commissioner Garnell Whitfield, who lost his 86-year-old mother, Ruth Whitfield, in the shooting, asked how the country could allow its history of racist killings to repeat itself.

"We're not just hurting. We're angry. We're mad. This shouldn't have happened. We do our best to be good citizens, to be good people. We believe in God. We trust Him. We treat people with decency, and we love even our enemies," Whitfield said at a news conference.

"And you expect us to keep doing this over and over and over again — over again, forgive and forget," he continued. "While people we elect and trust in offices around this country do their best not to protect us, not to consider us equal."

Whitfield's mother was killed after making her daily visit to her husband in a nursing home.

"How do we tell him that she's gone? Much less that she's gone at the hands of a white supremacist? Of a terrorist? An evil person who is allowed to live among us?" Whitfield said.

The victims also included a man buying a cake for his grandson; a church deacon helping people get home with their groceries; and a supermarket security guard.

Law enforcement officials said Sunday that New York State Police troopers had been called to Gendron's high school last June for a report that the then-17-year-old had made threatening statements. The threat was "general" in nature and not related to race, Gramaglia said.

Gendron had threatened to carry out a shooting at Susquehanna Valley High in Conklin around graduation, according to a law enforcement official who was not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Gramaglia said Gendron had no further contact with law enforcement after a mental health evaluation that put him in a hospital for a day and a half.

It was unclear whether officials could have invoked New York's "red flag" regulation, which lets law enforcement, school officials and families ask a court to order the seizure of guns from people considered dangerous. Authorities would not say when Gendron acquired the weapons. An evaluation alone would not trigger the prohibition.

President Joe Biden, who planned a visit Tuesday to Buffalo, paid tribute to one of the victims, security guard and retired police officer Aaron Salter, who fired at the attacker, striking his armor-plated vest at least once before being shot and killed. Biden said Salter "gave his life trying to save others."

Authorities said that in addition to the 10 Black people killed, three people were wounded: one Black, two white.

The New York Times contributed.

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In US, virus deaths reach 1 million

Loved ones say loss overwhelms hope of return to normal

By Carla K. Johnson
Associated Press

Members of the House stand on the steps of the U.S. Capitol on Thursday during a ceremony to honor the Americans who have died of COVID-19 as the number neared 1 million, a total reached Monday. **J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP**

The U.S. death toll from COVID-19 hit 1 million on Monday, a once-unimaginable figure that only hints at the multitudes of loved ones and friends staggered by grief and frustration.

The confirmed number of dead is equivalent to a 9/11 attack every day for 336 days. It is roughly equal to how many Americans died in the Civil War and World War II combined. It's as if Boston and Pittsburgh were wiped out.

"It is hard to imagine a million people plucked from this earth," said Jennifer Nuzzo, who leads a new pandemic center at the Brown University School of Public Health in Providence, Rhode Island. "It's still happening and we are letting it happen."

Some of those left behind say they cannot return to normal. They replay their loved ones' voicemail messages. Or watch old videos to see them dance. When other people say they are done with the virus, they bristle with anger or ache in silence.

"'Normal.' I hate that word," said Julie Wallace, 55, of Elyria, Ohio, who lost her husband to COVID-19 in 2020. "All of us never get to go back to normal."

Three out of every four deaths were people 65 and older. More men died than women. White people made up most of the deaths overall. But Black, Hispanic and Native American people have been roughly twice as likely to die from COVID-19 as their white counterparts.

Most deaths happened in urban areas, but rural places where opposition to masks and vaccinations tends to run high paid a heavy price at times.

The death toll less than 2½ years into the outbreak is based on death certificate data compiled by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics. But the real number of lives lost to COVID-19, either directly or indirectly, as a result the disruption of the health care system in the world's richest country, is believed to be far higher.

The U.S. has the highest reported COVID-19 death toll of any country, though health experts have long suspected that the real number of deaths in places such as India, Brazil and Russia is higher than the official figures.

The milestone comes more than three months after the U.S. reached 900,000 dead. The pace has slowed since a harrowing winter surge fueled by the omicron variant.

The U.S. is averaging about 300 COVID-19 deaths per day, compared with a peak of about 3,400 a day in January 2021. New cases are on the rise again, climbing more than 60% in the past two weeks to an average of about 86,000 a day still well below the all-time high of over 800,000, reached when the omicron variant was raging during the winter.

The largest bell at Washington National Cathedral in the nation's capital tolled 1,000 times a week ago, once for every 1,000 deaths. President Joe Biden on Thursday ordered flags lowered to half-staff and called each life "an irreplaceable loss."

"As a nation, we must not grow numb to such sorrow," he said in a statement. "To heal, we must remember."

More than half the deaths occurred since vaccines became available in December of 2020. Two-thirds of Americans are fully vaccinated, and nearly half of them have had at least one booster dose. But demand for the vaccine has plummeted, and the campaign to put shots in arms has been plagued by misinformation, distrust and political polarization.

Unvaccinated people have a 10 times greater risk of dying of COVID-19 than the fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

"To me, that is what is just so particularly heartbreaking," Nuzzo said. Vaccines are safe and greatly reduce the likelihood of severe illness, she said. They "largely take the possibility of death off the table."

Angelina Proia, 36, of New York, lost her father to COVID-19 in April 2020. She runs a support group for grieving families on Facebook and has seen it divided over vaccinations. She has booted people from the group for spreading misinformation.

"I don't want to hear conspiracy theories. I don't want to hear anti-science," said Proia, who wishes her father could have been vaccinated.

Julie Wallace and her husband, Lewis Dunlap, had cellphone numbers one digit apart. She continues paying to keep his number. She calls it just to hear his voice.

Some have offered solace in poetry. In Philadelphia, poet and social worker Trapeta Mayson created a 24-hour poetry hotline called Healing Verse. Traffic to the Academy of American Poets' poets.org website rose during the pandemic.

Brian Sonia-Wallace, poet laureate of West Hollywood, California, has traveled the country writing poems for hire. He imagines a memorial of a million poems, written by people who don't normally write poetry. They would talk to those who are grieving and listen for points of connection.

"What we need as a nation is empathy," said Tanya Alves, 35, of Weston, Florida, who lost her 24-year-old sister to COVID-19 in October. "Over two years into the pandemic, with all the cases and lives lost, we should be more compassionate and respectful when talking about COVID. Thousands of families changed forever. This virus is not just a cold."

WAR IN UKRAINE

Some Mariupol wounded allowed to leave steel mill

Sweden's push to join NATO among Russian setbacks

By Oleksandr Stashevskyi and Ciaran McQuillan
Associated Press

Oleksiy Polyakov, right, and Roman Voitko examine the remains of a Russian helicopter Monday in a field in the village of Malaya Rohan, in Ukraine's Kharkiv region. **BERNAT ARMANGUE/AP**

KYIV, Ukraine — The regiment that doggedly defended a steel mill as Ukraine's last stronghold in the port city of Mariupol declared its mission complete Monday after more than 260 fighters, including some badly wounded, were evacuated and taken to areas under Russia's control.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the evacuation to separatist-controlled territory was done to save the lives of the fighters who endured weeks of Russian assaults in the maze of underground passages below the hulking Azovstal steelworks. He said the "heavily wounded" were getting medical help.

"Ukraine needs Ukrainian heroes to be alive. It's our principle," he said. An unknown number of fighters stayed behind to await other rescue efforts.

The steel mill's defenders got out as Moscow suffered another diplomatic setback in its war with Ukraine, with Sweden joining Finland in deciding to seek NATO membership. And Ukraine made a symbolic gain when its forces reportedly pushed Russian troops back to the Russian border in the Kharkiv region.

Still, Russian forces pounded targets in the industrial heartland of eastern Ukraine known as the Donbas, and the death toll, already many thousands, kept climbing with the war set to enter its 12th week on Wednesday.

Deputy Defense Minister Hanna Maliar said 53 seriously wounded fighters were taken from the Azovstal plant to a hospital in Novoazovsk, east of Mariupol. An additional 211 fighters were evacuated to Olenivka through a humanitarian corridor.

She said an exchange would be worked out for their return home. Officials also planned to keep trying to save the fighters who remained inside.

"The work to bring the guys home continues, and it requires delicacy and time," Zelenskyy said.

There was no immediate word on whether the wounded would be considered prisoners of war.

Elsewhere in the Donbas, the city of Sievierdonetsk came under heavy shelling that killed at least 10 people, said Serhiy Haidai, the governor of the Luhansk region. In the Donetsk region, Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko said on Facebook that nine civilians were killed in shelling.

The western Ukrainian city of Lviv was rocked by loud explosions early Tuesday. Witnesses counted at least eight blasts accompanied by distant booms.

But Ukrainian troops also advanced as Russian forces pulled back from around the northeastern city of Kharkiv in recent days. Zelenskyy thanked the soldiers who reportedly pushed them all the way to the Russian border in the Kharkiv region.

"I'm very grateful to you, on behalf of all Ukrainians, on my behalf and on behalf of my family," Zelenskyy said in a video message. "I'm very grateful to all the fighters like you."

Ukrainian border guards said they also stopped a Russian attempt to send sabotage and reconnaissance troops into the Sumy region, some 90 miles northwest of Kharkiv.

Russia has been plagued by setbacks in the war, most glaringly in its failure early on to take the capital of Kyiv. Much of the fighting has shifted to the Donbas but also has turned into a slog, with both sides fighting village-by-village.

Away from the battlefield, Sweden's decision to seek NATO membership followed a similar decision by neighboring Finland in a historic shift for the counties, which were nonaligned for generations.

Swedish Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson said her country would be in a "vulnerable position" during the application period and urged her fellow citizens to brace themselves.

"Russia has said that that it will take countermeasures if we join NATO," she said. "We cannot rule out that Sweden will be exposed to, for instance, disinformation and attempts to intimidate and divide us."

But President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey, a NATO member, ratcheted up his objection to their joining. He accused the countries of failing to take a "clear" stance against Kurdish militants and other groups Ankara considers terrorists, and of imposing military sanctions on Turkey. All 30 current NATO members must agree to let the Nordic neighbors join.

Russian President Vladimir Putin launched the invasion on Feb. 24 in what he said was an effort to check NATO's expansion but has seen that strategy backfire. NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg has said the membership process for both could be quick.

Two women survey the wreckage of an apartment building Monday after a Russian bombardment in Kharkiv, Ukraine. **FINBARR O'REILLY/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Among closest allies, only Belarus backs Russia

By Anton Troianovski
The New York Times

President Vladimir Putin of Russia met with his five closest allies Monday. Only one of them spoke up to support him on Ukraine.

In a gilded hall at the Kremlin, Putin hosted a summit of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, which is Russia's answer to NATO.

An alliance of six post-Soviet states, the CSTO was marking the 30-year anniversary of its founding.

But what was supposed to be a celebratory meeting quickly turned into a demonstration of Putin's isolation, even among Russia's neighbors.

Speaking first in the televised portion of the summit, President Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus — who has supported Putin's war in Ukraine but has not sent troops — criticized other members of the alliance for not sufficiently backing Russia and Belarus in the face of Western sanctions.

He noted how the CSTO had sent forces to Kazakhstan in January to prop up the country's government in the face of protests — yet had left Russia largely on its own amid the war in Ukraine.

Kazakhstan has said that it would not help Russia circumvent international sanctions.

In a United Nations vote March 2 condemning the invasion of Ukraine, Belarus was the only post-Soviet country to take Russia's side.

"Look at how monolithically the European Union votes and acts," Lukashenko said at Monday's summit, sitting at a round table with the other leaders. "If we are separate, we'll just be crushed and torn apart."

As if to confirm Lukashenko's point, the leaders of the other four CSTO members — Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan — did not even mention Ukraine in their televised remarks.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Combat in Kharkiv a vicious, deadly dance

Fighting intensifies as forces jockey for control of towns

By Michael Schwirtz
The New York Times

Soldiers of the Ukrainian Army's Carpathian Sich Battalion converse or check their smartphones at an underground base last week in the Kharkiv region while they wait for artillery fire on their position to subside. **LYNSEY ADDARIO/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

The impact of a tank round cracked the bunker's plaster roof and sent uniformed men scrambling. Flak jackets and helmets were flung on and automatic weapons cocked. Amid a crescendo of machine-gun fire, a tall soldier slung an anti-tank missile launcher over one shoulder and took a slow drag on his cigarette.

The Russians were close.

Fighting in eastern Ukraine has mostly occurred at a distance, with Ukrainian and Russian forces lobbing artillery at one another, sometimes from dozens of miles away.

But at some points along the zigzagging eastern front, the combat becomes a vicious and intimate dance, granting enemies fleeting glimpses of one another as they jockey for command of hills and makeshift redoubts in towns and villages blasted apart by shells.

Last week, one such dance played out as a Russian unit of about 10 men entered the village where soldiers from a Ukrainian contingent, the Carpathian Sich Battalion, had dug in. In all likelihood, the Russian troops were there to identify targets for incoming tank fire, including the round that jolted the Ukrainian soldiers into action.

Ukrainian forces spotted the Russian soldiers and opened fire, pushing them back.

"It was a sabotage group, intelligence," said a 30-year-old fighter with the call sign Warsaw, panting after the brief firefight. "Our guys were not asleep and reacted quickly, forcing the enemy to flee."

So it goes every day, every hour, for the fighters of the Carpathian Sich Battalion, a volunteer unit named for the army of a short-lived independent Ukrainian state created just before World War II.

Attached to the Ukrainian army's 93rd Mechanized Brigade, the battalion is deployed along a line of villages and trenched farmland in the Kharkiv region, assigned the task of holding back Russian forces pushing down from their stronghold in the occupied Ukrainian city of Izium.

The battalion gave a reporter and a photographer with The New York Times permission to visit a front-line position on condition that the precise location of their base not be revealed. Most soldiers agreed to identify themselves only by their call signs.

They have not faced an easy fight.

The Russian military has deployed an enormous force along this front in eastern Ukraine, bringing to bear its overwhelming superiority in tanks, warplanes, helicopters and heavy artillery.

The war machines rarely remain quiet for long. Tanks in particular have become a serious menace, fighters said, often coming within 1 mile of the battalion's positions and wreaking absolute havoc. Already this month, 13 soldiers with the battalion have been killed and more than 60 were wounded.

"It's a completely different war than I've seen in places like Afghanistan or Iraq," said a colonel who called himself Mikhailo. "It's heavy fighting. Nobody cares about the law of war. They shell little towns, use prohibited artillery."

Many of the battalion's soldiers had experience in the eight-year war against Russian-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine and had seen fighting in some of the conflict's most intense battles. But most had been settled into civilian life for years.

One tall, bearded soldier with the call sign Rusin owns a business selling bathtubs in the mountainous region of Transcarpathia, in western Ukraine. But when Russia invaded Feb. 24, he quickly married his girlfriend — he said he wanted someone waiting for him back home — and headed to war filled with a sense of mission.

"We understand that this is not a war between Ukraine and Russia," he said. "This is a war of the pure and the light that exists on this Earth, and darkness. Either we stop this horde and the world gets better, or the world is filled with the anarchy that occurs wherever there is war."

Fighters from the battalion have taken up temporary residence in an underground warren beneath a building now perforated by artillery shells. The guns and ammunition boxes piled in corners are coated in the plaster dust that rains down each time a shell strikes nearby.

Other than soldiers, the bunker is inhabited by a menagerie of animals who have also sought safety from the bombs — several small dogs and a black goat that likes to make a mess of the kitchen area. On Wednesday, Chevron, a very large German shepherd, was sleeping in front of a stack of U.S.-made Javelin missile launchers, already out of their cases and ready to shoot.

The battalion is a hodgepodge, with fighters from all over Ukraine and the world. There is Matej Prokes, a wispy 18-year-old from the Czech Republic who has "Born to Kill Russians" scrawled on the side of his helmet, but admitted somewhat bashfully that he had yet to do any shooting. Elman Imanov, 41, from Azerbaijan, was moved to fight against Russia after seeing the atrocities committed against noncombatants in Ukraine.

"I pulled a 4-month-old child from a nine-floor apartment with my own hands," he said, a rack of gold teeth glinting in the harsh florescent light. "I'll never be able to forget that and will never be able to forgive. He had never seen anything. What was he guilty of?"

And then there is a 47-year-old soldier with the call sign Prapor, who is exotic even by the battalion's standards. Born in Siberia, Prapor had a full career in the Russian military before retiring in the early 2000s, although he would not say where he fought. He joined the Ukrainian forces when Russian troops began shelling Kyiv.

"What can I say, they have studied well," he said. "But the fact that they have begun killing peaceful civilians, looting. This is indecent."

The battalion's commander, Oleg Kutsin, said this diversity is part of his contingent's ethos. When the original Carpathian Sich was founded in the 1930s, it welcomed anyone willing to fight and die under the blue and gold banner of an independent Ukraine, he said.

Not only are virtually any troops welcome, but equipment is as well, he said.

"We wanted to resurrect this military tradition of the Ukrainian forces," he said in his unit's command center, where a desk was covered in maps of the region and a flat-screen television showed live footage of the smoky battlefield.

"They come," he said. "We give them weapons and point them in the direction of the enemy."

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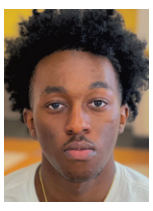

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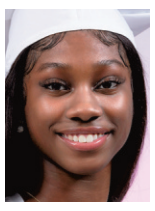

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White House braces for legal strife

Big GOP midterm gains might trigger investigative surge

By Charlie Savage and Michael S. Schmidt
The New York Times

President Joe Biden speaks Friday in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, DC. **DREW ANGERER/GETTY**

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden's legal team is laying the groundwork to defend against an expected onslaught of oversight investigations by congressional Republicans, should they take one or both chambers in the midterm elections — including preparing for the possibility of impeachment as payback for the two impeachments of President Donald Trump.

As part of those preparations, Biden and his White House counsel, Dana Remus, have hired Richard Sauber, a longtime white-collar defense lawyer who is now the top lawyer at the Department of Veterans Affairs, to oversee responses to subpoenas and other oversight efforts, according to people who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal matters.

Biden's personal lawyer, Bob Bauer, and Remus have also been meeting for months to work out potential divisions of labor between White House lawyers and outside counsel, according to people briefed on the matter.

The arrangement is said to be aimed at respecting the limits of what taxpayer-funded lawyers should handle and ensuring that Biden's two sets of lawyers do not mix work in a way that could inadvertently undermine executive and attorney-client privilege protecting what lawyers know from any subpoenas for their testimony or notes.

It is a routine dynamic of Washington life that when one party controls both elected branches of government, Congress goes easy on oversight. When government is divided, the opposition party is much more aggressive about wielding subpoenas and oversight hearings to try to uncover and highlight incompetence or wrongdoing by the executive branch.

But the turbulence of the Trump era and its aftermath are taking that to new levels of intensity, and some Republicans appear eager to focus on Biden and his family — particularly the foreign business dealings of his son Hunter Biden. A handful of far-right Republicans have already signed onto a flurry of impeachment resolutions.

Republicans have also signaled an intent to scrutinize various matters related to the pandemic that could reach into the White House, including the administration's imposition of mask mandates and the extension of an evictions moratorium, both of which were later blocked in court.

A particular target is Dr. Anthony Fauci, a top medical adviser in the Trump and Biden administrations who has become a villain to supporters of Trump.

And they have listed a series of other topics they intend to dig into, including the messy withdrawal from Afghanistan and the surge in migration across the Southwestern border; another frequently mentioned target is Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

Late last year, Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, said on a podcast that because House Democrats had twice impeached Trump — for withholding military aid to Ukraine while pressing it to open an investigation into the Bidens, and for "incitement of insurrection" over the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol — "there'll be enormous pressure on a Republican House to begin impeachment proceedings" against Biden, "whether it's justified or not."

It remains to be seen whether Democrats will lose one or both chambers in the midterm elections, giving Republicans the power to open investigations and pursue subpoenas. Polls have suggested that Republicans are well positioned, but events — such as the likelihood that Republican-appointed justices on the Supreme Court will soon end women's constitutional right to abortion — could upend political dynamics before November.

Still, the party that does not control the presidency typically does well in the midterms. The decision to hire Sauber comes as Republicans crow on conservative news media and in town halls across the country about their plans to initiate ferocious oversight efforts if they return to power in 2023.

Sauber, who is known as Dick, will have the title "special counsel to the president," the people said. The title is intended to reflect the elevated role his oversight portfolio is anticipated to have next year compared with what it has been under the lawyer he is succeeding, Jonathan Su, a deputy White House counsel.

"Dick is an excellent lawyer who brings decades of experience that will be a valuable asset," Ian Sams, a White House spokesperson, said in a statement, adding that "we are ensuring the White House is prepared for the issues we are facing or will face in the future."

Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough praised Sauber's work at the department. "He has a deep understanding of government," McDonough said in a statement, noting that he would be a welcome addition to the White House.

The White House has also added Sams to focus full-time on oversight matters. In the 2020 election cycle, he was a campaign spokesperson for Kamala Harris, who was then a Democratic presidential candidate and is now the vice president. Sams went on to work for the Department of Health and Human Services on pandemic-related issues.

Trump-supporting Republicans have been stoking expectations that they will turn the tables next year, particularly given the level of scrutiny that House Democrats have cast on Trump and his administration: two years of congressional investigations culminating in the two impeachments, followed by the Jan. 6 committee's inquiry into Trump's attempts to overturn the 2020 election results.

Rep. James Comer, R-Ky., the top GOP member of the Oversight Committee, has also pledged to investigate Hunter Biden's dealings and a cache of files that are said to have come from a laptop Hunter Biden abandoned in a repair shop.

People familiar with the matter have authenticated some emails that came from its hard drive to The New York Times, but numerous files attributed to it are circulating, and it is not clear whether all are legitimate.

Comer said last week that he believed promising an inquiry into Biden's son would bolster Republican turnout in the midterms. Voters have "suspected for a long time that Hunter Biden was a shady business guy," he said, suggesting without evidence that both men had been "compromised" by Russian oligarchs.

The Justice Department has been examining whether Hunter Biden broke tax and foreign lobbying laws, a matter that is expected to be resolved in the coming months.

Regardless of what Attorney General Merrick Garland decides, he is likely to face accusations from Republicans that he gave the president's son preferential treatment.

Emergency personnel surround a Cessna plane May 10 at Palm Beach International Airport in West Palm Beach, Fla., after a passenger with no experience was able to land it safely. **WPTV**

Passenger who landed plane credits help of 'hand of God'

Associated Press

A Florida man with no flying experience who kept his cool while landing a small plane says "the hand of God" was with him after the pilot collapsed at the controls.

Darren Harrison told NBC's "Today" show that he was relaxing in the back of the single-engine Cessna after a fishing trip in the Bahamas when the pilot told him and another passenger: "Guys, I gotta tell you I don't feel good."

"He said, 'I've got a headache, and I'm fuzzy, and I just don't feel right," the 39-year-old flooring salesman said. "And I said, 'What do we need to do?' and at that point he didn't respond at all."

Harrison climbed into the cockpit and saw that the plane was diving, and fast.

"All I saw when I came up to the front was water out the right window, and I knew it was coming quick. At that point I knew if I didn't react, that we would die."

Harrison said he reached over the unconscious pilot and grabbed the controls, slowly pulling back the stick to level the plane. It was a common-sense move, he said.

"I knew if I went up and yanked that, the airplane would stall," he said. "And I also knew that at the rate we were going, we were going way too fast, and it would probably rip the wings off of the airplane."

That, he said, was "the scariest part of the whole story."

With help from the other passenger, he moved him out of the pilot's seat. Harrison jumped in.

He reached an air traffic controller in Florida. Asked if he knew the plane's position, Harrison said the GPS was out so he had no idea.

The air traffic controller then asked what he could see.

"I see the state of Florida, and I see a small airport," Harrison told him.

At this point, he refused to let fear set in.

"When I was flying and saw the state of Florida, at that second I knew I'm going to land there," he said. "I don't know what the outcome's going to be, I don't know how it's going to happen, but I knew I'm going to have to land this airplane because there's no other option."

Harrison said he had to get home to his wife, Britney, seven months pregnant with their first child.

"In my mind I knew I wasn't going to die, and the thought never crossed my mind to call and tell my wife 'bye,'" Harrison said.

Air Traffic Controller Robert Morgan coached Harrison into a safe landing at Palm Beach International Airport.

"I said thank you for everything, and I threw the headset on the dash, and I said the biggest prayer I've ever said in my life," Harrison recalled.

"That's when all the emotion set in," he added.

He said he offered a "thankful prayer for the safety and everything that had happened. But the last part of the prayer and the strongest part was for the guy in the back because I knew it was not a good situation."

The pilot was taken to a hospital and is expected to be released early this week, Harrison said.

Abbott: Deal is made with US to reopen baby formula plant

By Zeke Miller and Matthew Perrone
Associated Press

Katherine Gibson-Haynes, top, helps distribute infant formula Saturday in Houston. Parents are finding a lack of baby formula throughout the nation. **DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP**

WASHINGTON — Baby formula maker Abbott said Monday it has reached an agreement with U.S. health regulators to restart production at its largest domestic factory, though it will be well over a month before any new products ship from the site to help alleviate the national shortage facing parents.

Abbott did not immediately detail the terms of the agreement with the Food and Drug Administration, which has been investigating safety concerns at its Sturgis, Michigan, plant since early this year. The consent decree amounts to a legally binding agreement between the FDA and the company on steps needed to reopen the factory.

An FDA spokeswoman did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the announcement Monday evening.

After production resumes, Abbott said it will take between six to eight weeks before new products begin arriving in stores. The company didn't set a timeline to restart production.

The FDA was expected to announce additional steps Monday to allow more foreign imports into the U.S. to address the supply problems. It comes as the administration of President Joe Biden faces intense pressure to do more to ease the shortage that has left many parents hunting for formula online or at food banks.

Abbott's plant came under scrutiny early this year after the FDA began investigating four bacterial infections among infants who consumed powdered formula from the plant. Two of the babies died.

In February, the company halted production and recalled several brands of powdered formula, squeezing supplies that had already been tightened by supply chain disruptions and stockpiling during COVID-19. The shortage has led retailers like CVS and Target to limit how many containers customers can purchase per visit.

Outrage over the issue has quickly snowballed and handed Republicans a fresh talking point to use against Biden ahead of November's midterm elections.

Over the weekend, the White House offered formula manufacturers and retailers transportation and logistics support, and was working with all major formula producers to boost production, including reaching out to suppliers to encourage them to prioritize production and delivery of formula ingredients.

Abbott is one of just four companies that produce roughly 90% of U.S. formula, and its brands account for nearly half that market.

After a six-week inspection, FDA investigators published a list of problems in March, including lax safety and sanitary standards and a history of bacterial contamination in several parts of the plant.

Chicago-based Abbott has emphasized that its products have not been directly linked to the bacterial infections in children. Samples of the bacteria found at its plant did not match the strains collected from the babies by federal investigators. The company has emphasized it is ready to resume manufacturing, pending an FDA decision.

Former FDA officials say fixing the type of problems uncovered at Abbott's plant takes time, and infant formula facilities receive more scrutiny than other food facilities. Companies need to exhaustively clean the facility and equipment, retrain staff, repeatedly test and document there is no contamination.

On Monday, FDA Commissioner Robert Califf told ABC News that an announcement was forthcoming about importing baby formula from abroad.

Pediatricians say baby formulas produced in Canada and Europe are roughly equivalent to those in the U.S. But companies seeking to enter the U.S. face several major hurdles, including rigorous manufacturing standards imposed by the FDA.

NEWS BRIEFING

Jury selection begins in trial linked to FBI's Russia probe in 2016

From news services

WASHINGTON — Jury selection got underway Monday in the trial of a lawyer for the Hillary Clinton presidential campaign who is accused of lying to the FBI as it investigated potential ties between Donald Trump and Russia in 2016.

The case against Michael Sussmann, a cybersecurity attorney who represented the Clinton campaign in 2016, is the first trial arising from the ongoing investigation by special counsel John Durham and will test the strength of evidence he and his team have gathered while scrutinizing the early days of the Trump-Russia probe for potential misconduct.

Sussmann appeared in court with his lawyers Monday as both sides worked to select jurors to hear the case, which is expected to last about two weeks. Prospective jurors who had already filled out questionnaires filed one-by-one into the courtroom to answer follow-up questions about topics including political contributions during the 2016 election and their opinions on lawyers and the criminal justice system.

One potential juror who said she worked as a contractor for a firm that did the tax returns for an expected key witness in the case was excused from service; another who expressed support for Democrat Hillary Clinton was excused after saying she wasn't sure she could be impartial.

The case alleges a single false statement by Sussmann, but the stakes are high nonetheless: An acquittal is likely to hasten questions about the Durham probe's purpose and cost to taxpayers while a guilty verdict will almost certainly energize Trump supporters who have long looked to Durham to expose what they see as biased mistreatment of the former president.

Sussmann is accused of misleading the FBI's then-general counsel during a September 2016 meeting in which he presented research showing what he said might be a suspicious back channel of communications between computer servers of the Trump Organization and Russia-based Alfa Bank.

US troops to Somalia: President Joe Biden signed an order Monday to redeploy hundreds of U.S. troops to Somalia to counter the Islamic extremist rebel group al-Shabab, an effort that American military leaders said had been hampered by President Donald Trump's late-term decision to withdraw forces from the country.

U.S. troops will be repositioned from elsewhere in Africa to train and provide other support to Somali forces in their fight against al-Shabab, which is considered the largest and wealthiest affiliate of the al-Qaida extremist organization.

"Our forces are not now, nor will they be, directly engaged in combat operations," said Pentagon press secretary John Kirby.

Trump abruptly ordered the withdrawal of approximately 700 troops from Somalia at the end of his term in January 2021, an extension of a broader policy of seeking to pull the U.S. out of what he derisively referred to as "endless wars" around the world.

But military leaders said that came at a cost, wasting time, money and momentum as troops had to rotate in and out of the country.

Gen. Stephen Townsend, head of U.S. Africa Command, told Congress in March that the rotations, which he called "commuting to work," were not efficient or effective and put American troops at greater risk.

Buddhist monks enter a temple in procession to offer prayers in front of Buddha statues during the Buddha Purnima festival in Kolkata, India, on Monday. The festival marks the triple events of Gautama Buddha's life: his birth, his enlightenment — attaining a state of nirvana that frees believers from the cycle of life — and his death. **BIKAS DAS/AP**

Ransomware in Costa Rica: A ransomware gang that infiltrated some Costa Rican government computer systems has upped its threat, saying its goal is now to overthrow the government.

Perhaps seizing on the fact that President Rodrigo Chaves had only been in office for a week, the Russian-speaking Conti gang tried to increase the pressure to pay a ransom by raising its demand to $20 million.

Conti attacked Costa Rica in April, accessing multiple critical systems in the Finance Ministry, including customs and tax collection. Other government systems were also affected and a month later not all are fully functioning.

The attack has encrypted government data and the gang said Saturday that if the ransom wasn't paid in one week, it would delete the decryption keys. It called on Costa Ricans to pressure their government to pay.

New French PM: Centrist politician Elisabeth Borne was appointed France's new prime minister on Monday, becoming only the second woman in history to hold the post.

Borne, 61, the labor minister in French President Emmanuel Macron's previous government, succeeds Jean Castex, whose resignation on Monday was expected after Macron's reelection last month to a second five-year term.

Borne spoke soon after her appointment, noting the emotions she felt at being selected for the highest office a woman has ever held in French political leadership.

"I would like to dedicate this nomination to all the little girls by telling them 'Go after your dreams!' she said.

Borne has a mixed track record, prompting criticism from workers, unions and left-wing voters. As labor minister since 2020, she implemented changes making it harder for jobless people to get benefits and reduced monthly payments for some unemployed people.

Top officials visit UAE: Vice President Kamala Harris led a high-powered American delegation to the United Arab Emirates on Monday to pay respects to the federation's late ruler and meet with the newly ascended president.

The trip marks the highest-level visit by Biden administration officials to oil-rich Abu Dhabi as America tries to repair troubled relations with its partner amid the fast-changing geopolitical landscape precipitated by Moscow's war on Ukraine.

Sheikh Tahnoon bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the UAE's powerful national security adviser, greeted Harris on the windswept tarmac. The delegation also included Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, CIA Director William Burns and climate envoy John Kerry.

The UAE named the assertive Abu Dhabi crown prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan its new president following the death of his half-brother last Friday. Sheikh Mohammed has served as the country's de facto ruler and shaped the country's muscular foreign policy since Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan suffered a stroke nearly a decade ago.

Underscoring Abu Dhabi's great influence in Western and Arab capitals, an array of presidents, prime ministers and princes descended on the desert sheikhdom over the weekend to honor the late Sheikh Khalifa, praise Sheikh Mohammed and solidify ties.

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BUSINESS

McDonald's withdrawing from Russia, citing values

Chain planning to sell all 850 locations, remove arches, other brand symbols

By David Koenig
Associated Press

More than three decades after it became the first American fast food restaurant to open in the Soviet Union, McDonald's said Monday that it has started the process of selling its business in Russia, another symbol of the country's increasing isolation over its war in Ukraine.

The company, which has 850 restaurants in Russia that employ 62,000 people, pointed to the humanitarian crisis caused by the war, saying holding on to its business in Russia "is no longer tenable, nor is it consistent with McDonald's values."

The Chicago-based fast food giant said in early March that it was temporarily closing its stores in Russia but would continue to pay employees. Without naming a prospective Russian buyer, McDonald's said Monday that it would seek one to hire its workers and pay them until the sale closes.

CEO Chris Kempczinski said the "dedication and loyalty to McDonald's" of employees and hundreds of Russian suppliers made it a difficult decision to leave.

"However, we have a commitment to our global community and must remain steadfast in our values," Kempczinski said in a statement, "and our commitment to our values means that we can no longer keep the arches shining there."

As it tries to sell its restaurants, McDonald's said it plans to start removing golden arches and other symbols and signs with the company's name. It said it will keep its trademarks in Russia.

Western companies have wrestled with extricating themselves from Russia, enduring the hit to their bottom lines from pausing or closing operations in the face of sanctions. Others have stayed in Russia at least partially, with some facing blowback.

McDonald's first restaurant in Russia opened in the middle of Moscow more than three decades ago, shortly after the fall of the Berlin Wall. It was a powerful symbol of the easing of Cold War tensions between the United States and Soviet Union, which would collapse in 1991.

Now the company's exit is proving symbolic of a new era, analysts say.

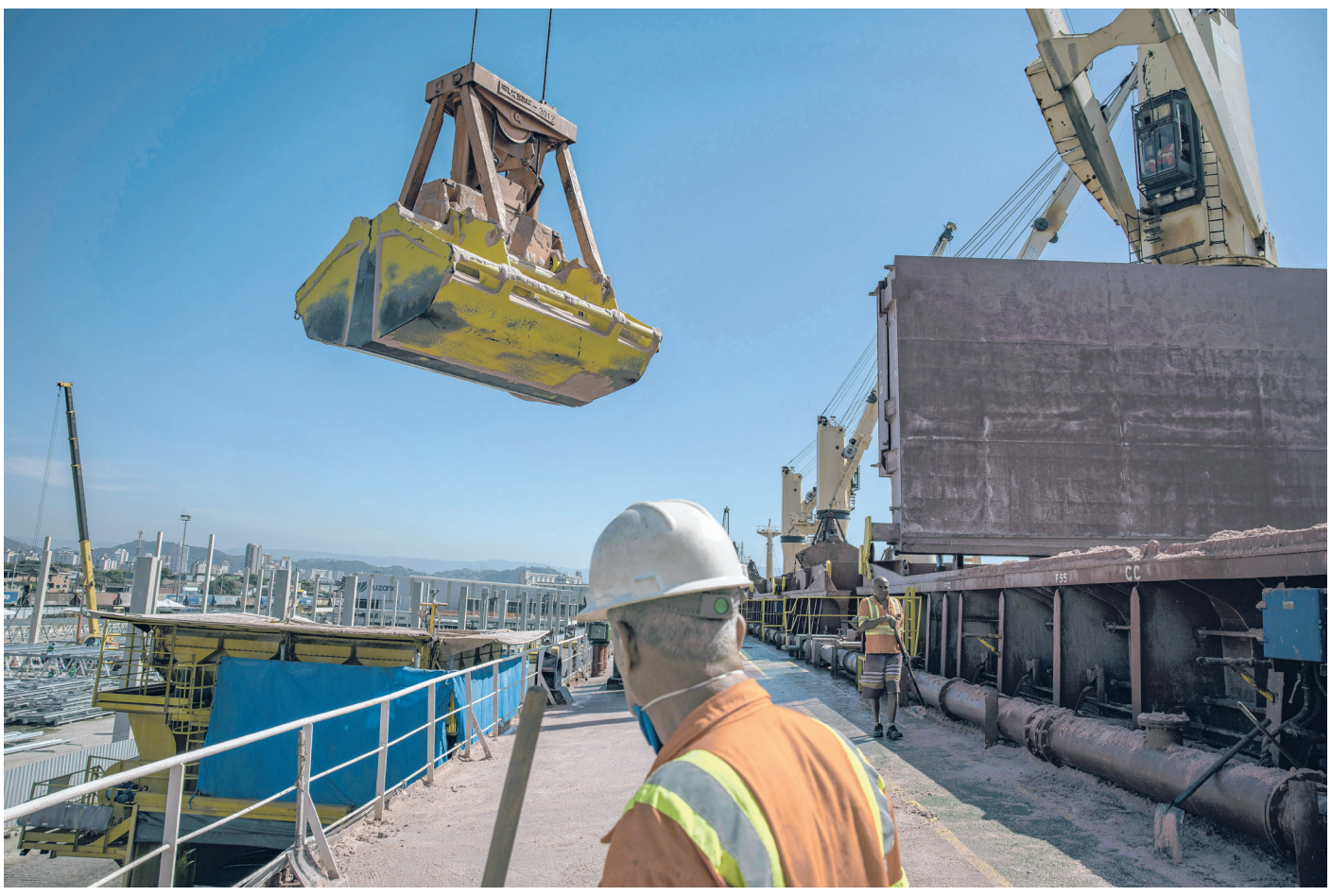
"Its departure represents a new isolationism in Russia, which must now look inward for investment and consumer brand development," said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData, a corporate analytics company.

He said McDonald's owns most of its restaurants in Russia, but because it won't license its brand, the sale price likely won't be close to the value of the business before the invasion. Russia and Ukraine combined accounted for about 9% of McDonald's revenue and 3% of operating income before the war, Saunders said.

McDonald's said it expects to record a charge against earnings of between $1.2 billion and $1.4 billion over leaving Russia.

McDonald's said exiting Russia will not change its forecast of adding a net 1,300 restaurants this year, which will contribute about 1.5% to companywide sales growth.

Last month, McDonald's reported that it earned $1.1 billion in the first quarter, down from more than $1.5 billion a year earlier. Revenue was nearly $5.7 billion.



Fertilizer is unloaded from a Russian ship in Brazil. Shipping traffic from Russia still remains robust. **VICTOR MORIYAMA/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Russian shipping still strong

Contracts for delivery of energy, goods being fulfilled before bite of global sanctions fully sinks in

By Ana Swanson
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Shipping traffic in and out of Russia has remained relatively strong in the past few months as companies have raced to fulfill contracts for purchases of energy and other goods before the full force of global sanctions goes into effect.

With the European Union poised to introduce a ban on Russian oil in the coming months, that situation could change significantly. But so far, data show that while commerce with Russia has been reduced in many cases, it has yet to be crippled.

Volumes of crude and oil products shipped out of Russian ports climbed to 25 million metric tons in April, data from the shipping tracker Refinitiv showed, up from around 24 million metric tons in December, January, February and March, and mostly above the levels of the past two years.

Jim Mitchell, head of oil research for the Americas at Refinitiv, said Russia's outgoing shipments in April were buoyed by the global economic recovery from the pandemic, and that they did not yet reflect the impact of sanctions and other restrictions on Russia issued after its invasion of Ukraine Feb. 24.

Crude oil typically trades 45 to 60 days before delivery, he said, meaning that changes to behavior following the Russian invasion were still working their way through the system.

"The volume has been slow to decline, because these were contracts that have already been set," Mitchell said. Defaulting on such contracts is "a nightmare for both sides," he added.

Russia has stopped publishing data on its imports and exports since Western governments united to announce sanctions and other restrictions. Exports of oil or gas that leave Russia through pipelines can be difficult for outside firms to verify.

But the global activities of the vessels that call on Russian ports to pick up and deliver containers of consumer products or loads of grain and oil are easier to monitor. Ships are required to transmit their identity, position, course and other information through automatic tracking systems, which are monitored by a variety of firms including Refinitiv, MarineTraffic and Kpler.

These firms say shipping traffic was relatively robust in March and April, despite the extraordinary tensions with Russia since its invasion of Ukraine. That reflects both how long some of the sanctions issued by the West are taking to come into effect, as well as an enduring profit motive for trading with Russia, especially after prices for its energy products and commodities have cratered.

Data from MarineTraffic, a platform that shows the live location of ships, indicates that traffic from Russia's major ports declined after the invasion but did not plummet. The number of container ships, tankers and bulkers — the three main types of vessels that move energy and consumer products — arriving and leaving Russian ports was down about 23% in March and April compared with the year earlier.

Global sanctions on Russia continue to expand in their scope and impact, especially as Europe, a major customer of Russian energy, moves to wean itself off the country's oil and coal. Trade data suggest that shipments into Russia of high-value products such as semiconductors and airplane parts have plummeted because of export controls issued by the United States and its allies.

Starbucks to offer workers abortion benefits

By Michelle Chapman and Dee-Ann Durbin
Associated Press

Starbucks said Monday it will pay the travel expenses for U.S. employees to access abortion and gender-confirmation procedures if those services aren't available within 100 miles of a worker's home.

The Seattle coffee giant said it will also make the travel benefit available to the dependents of employees who are enrolled in Starbucks' health care plan.

Starbucks has 240,000 U.S. employees; it was not clear what percentage of them are enrolled in the company's health care plan.

Starbucks is among the most high-profile companies to adopt a travel benefit in the wake of a leaked draft opinion from the Supreme Court which would abolish the nationwide right to abortion.

Amazon is also covering up to $4,000 in travel and lodging expenses for employees seeking non-life-threatening medical treatments, including abortions and gender-confirming procedures. According to messages sent to staff, the benefit has been in place since the beginning of this year and applies if the procedure is not available within 100 miles of an employee's home.

Tesla also said earlier this month it would cover travel costs for employees seeking out-of-state abortions.

Some companies, including Levi Strauss & Co., Yelp and Citigroup, have pledged to pay travel costs for Texas employees who seek abortions, in response to a 2021 Texas law banning abortions after roughly six weeks of pregnancy.

Starbucks didn't immediately say whether the travel benefit would be automatically extended to stores that have voted to unionize. At least 69 of the company's U.S. stores have voted to unionize since the end of 2021.

Earlier this month, Starbucks angered labor organizers when it announced enhanced pay and benefits for workers at its non-union stores.

Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz said at the time that the company isn't legally allowed to offer benefits at union stores, since those stores must negotiate their own contracts.

Biden's plan kick-starts some 4,300 projects

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Six months after the signing of President Joe Biden's $1 trillion infrastructure package, the government said Monday there are 4,300 projects underway with more than $110 billion in funding announced — milestones the administration is publicly heralding as midterm politics intensify.

White House senior adviser Mitch Landrieu, the former mayor of New Orleans, said the roads, bridges and other projects are laying "a foundation for tremendous growth into the future." Landrieu said Biden and members of his administration have made more than 125 trips to highlight the bipartisan investments in infrastructure.

He declined to predict how much the storytelling will resonate with voters as construction starts.

Landrieu told reporters that this is a "wonderful down payment" on infrastructure needs in the country that total roughly $7 trillion.

Infrastructure was a rare source of bipartisan unity as Biden struck a deal that attracted several Republican senators. The law contains money to expand internet access, replace lead water pipes, and for rail and public transit projects and investments to address climate change.

The infrastructure spending is also one area where political leaders will have to share credit with each other.

Governors and mayors are responsible for 90% of the expenditures in the law, while the federal government accounts for 10% of the spending.

The administration has tried to help state and local governments compete for the money, with Landrieu noting that even GOP critics are generally eager to get the funding.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

JetBlue tries new tack in Spirit bid

JetBlue is going hostile in its bid for Spirit Airlines and asking shareholders of the low-cost carrier to reject a proposed $2.9 billion acquisition by Frontier Airlines.

JetBlue, in going straight to shareholders with its offer Monday, wants to push Spirit's board to the negotiating table.

JetBlue pitched a new offer of $30 per share in cash to Spirit stockholders but said its previous offer of $33 per share is still available if Spirit enters negotiations.

Spirit's board rejected JetBlue's $3.6 billion offer on May 2, saying antitrust regulators are unlikely to approve an offer from the New York City-based airline largely because of its alliance with American Airlines in the Northeast. The Justice Department is suing to block that deal.

Boards law ruled unconstitutional

LOS ANGELES — A Los Angeles judge has ruled that California's landmark law requiring women on corporate boards is unconstitutional.

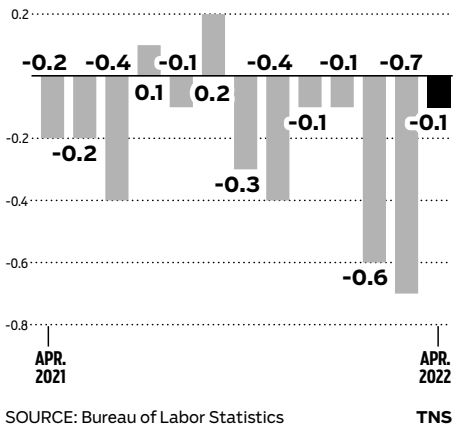
In a ruling dated Friday, Superior Court Judge Maureen Duffy-Lewis said the law that would have required boards have up to three female directors by this year violated the right to equal treatment.

The conservative legal group Judicial Watch had challenged the law.

The state defended the law as constitutional, saying that it was necessary to reverse a culture of discrimination that favored men, was put in place only after other measures failed and didn't create a quota because boards could add seats for female directors without stripping men of their positions.

Real earnings

Monthly percent change in real (adjusted for inflation) average hourly earnings for all employees, seasonally adjusted



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics TNS

BUSINESS

The National Labor Relations Board says workers at 84 Starbucks nationwide have voted on unionization. **DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP FILE**

Baristas at 2nd Connecticut Starbucks seeking a union

Vernon workers join West Hartford in election petition

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

A second Starbucks in Connecticut has petitioned federal labor officials for a union representation election.

Salwa Mogaddedi, a barista at the Talcottville Road coffee shop in Vernon, said 27 workers would be eligible to be represented if a majority were to vote to be represented by Starbucks Workers United. A Starbucks in West Hartford was the first in Connecticut to petition the National Labor Relations Board to supervise a union representation election.

Mail voting begins May 23 and results at the West Hartford coffee shop will be known June 9.

Mogaddedi said workers at the Vernon store began talking about a union before the pandemic, which shut Starbucks and other retail businesses. Two months ago, workers "ramped up" organizing, she said.

Mogaddedi said a union campaign at a Buffalo, N.Y., Starbucks prompted baristas in Vernon to recognize they "finally have the opportunity" to organize a union and negotiate a contract. Wages of about $15 an hour with just $1 an hour more for senior employees, hours that have been cut to between 12 and 15 from 30 and staffing shortages are the main issues.

Starbucks is fighting attempts to organize its workforce. Chief Executive Officer Howard Schultz told industry analysts May 4 that a union contract "will not even come close to what Starbucks offers." Starbucks has a "constantly expanding list of wages and benefits."

In a message posted on Starbucks' website, he said that although not all workers who support unionization "are colluding with outside union forces, the critical point is that I do not believe conflict, division and dissension, which has been a focus of union organizing, benefits Starbucks or our partners."

The NLRB says workers at 84 Starbucks nationwide have voted on unionization, with 69 backing a union and nine rejecting organized labor. Votes at six coffee shops are being challenged.

Forty-nine elections have been certified for a union to represent the workers, the NLRB said.

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Google's translation service adds non-European tongues

By Franklin Briceno and Matt O'Brien
Associated Press

Teacher Carmen Cazorla writes in the Quechua language, spoken by about 10 million people, during a class at a public primary school in Licapa, Peru. **MARTIN MEJIA/AP 2021**

LIMA, Peru — About 10 million people speak Quechua, but trying to automatically translate emails and text messages into the most widely spoken Indigenous language family in the Americas was long all but impossible.

That changed this month, when Google added Quechua and a variety of other languages to its digital translation service.

The internet giant says new artificial intelligence technology is enabling it to vastly expand Google Translate's repertoire of the world's languages. It added 24 of them last week, including Quechua and other Indigenous South American languages such as Guarani and Aymara. It is also adding a number of widely spoken African and South Asian languages that have been missing from popular tech products.

"We looked at languages with very large, underserved populations," Google research scientist Isaac Caswell told reporters.

Quechua was the lingua franca of the Inca Empire, which stretched from what is now southern Colombia to central Chile. Its status began to decline following the Spanish conquest of Peru more than 400 years ago.

Adding it to the languages recognized by Google is a big victory for Quechua language activists like Luis Illaccanqui, a Peruvian who created the website Qichwa 2.0, which includes dictionaries and resources for learning the language.

Illaccanqui said the translator will also help keep the language alive with a new generation of young people and teenagers, "who speak Quechua and Spanish at the same time and are fascinated by social networks."

Caswell called the news a "very big technological step forward" because until recently, it was not possible to add languages if researchers couldn't find a big enough trove of online text — such as digital books, newspapers or social media posts — for their AI systems to learn from.

U.S. tech giants don't have a great track record of making their language technology work well outside the wealthiest markets, a problem that's also made it harder for them to detect dangerous misinformation on their platforms. Until this week, Google Translate was offered in European languages such as Frisian, Maltese, Icelandic and Corsican — each with fewer than 1 million speakers — but not East African languages like Oromo and Tigrinya, which have millions of speakers.

The new languages won't yet be understood by Google's voice assistant, which limits them to text-to-text translations for now. Google said it is working on adding speech recognition and other capabilities, such as translating a sign by pointing a camera at it.

That will be important for largely spoken languages like Quechua, especially in the health field, because many Peruvian doctors and nurses who speak only Spanish "are unable to understand patients who speak mostly Quechua," Illaccanqui said.

"The next frontier, or challenge, is to work on speech," said Arturo Oncevay, a Peruvian machine translation researcher at the University of Edinburgh who co-founded a research coalition to improve Indigenous language technology in the Americas. "The native languages of the Americas are traditionally oral."

Harvard University language scholar Americo Mendoza-Mori, who speaks Quechua, said getting Google's attention brings some needed visibility to the language in places like Peru, where Quechua speakers are still lacking in many public services. The survival of many of these languages "will depend on their use in digital contexts," he said.

MARKET RUNDOWN

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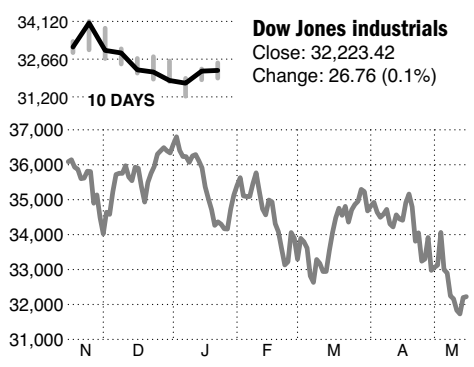

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Change: 26.76 (0.1%)

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	32,223.42	+26.76	-11.32%
DOW Trans.	14,334.77	-121.64	-13.01%
DOW Util.	993.80	+1.06	+1.33%
NYSE Comp.	15,259.82	+2.45	-11.09%
Nasdaq Comp.	11,662.79	-142.21	-25.45%
S&P 500	4,008.01	-15.88	-15.91%
S&P 400	2,417.76	-13.07	-14.93%
Wilshire 5000	39,786.15	-236.12	-17.90%
Russell 2000	1,783.43	-9.24	-20.57%

Commodities

FUELS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	114.20	110.49	+51.84%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	7.96	7.66	+113.30%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	4.02	3.96	+80.54%
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PREV.**	**YTD**
Gold (oz)	1,813.50	1,807.40	-.77%
Silver (oz)	21.54	20.98	-7.69%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. $	U.S. $ in ForEx
Britain	1.2318	.8119
Canada	.7787	1.2842
China	.1474	6.7862
Euro	1.0436	.9582
Japan	.007745	129.12
Mexico	.049888	20.0449

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Prime rate	4.00	4.00
3-mo. T-Bill	1.07	0.93
6-mo. T-Bill	1.54	1.42
5-yr T-Note	2.83	2.95
10-yr T-Note	2.88	3.08
30-yr T-Bond	3.10	3.21

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	13,964.38	-63.55	-.45%	-12.09%
London	7,464.80	+46.65	+.63%	+1.09%
Hong Kong	19,950.21	+51.44	+.26%	-14.73%
Nikkei	26,547.05	+119.40	+.45%	-7.80%

Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	11.71	-.10	-56.9
AT&T Inc (T)	20.28	+.44	-17.6
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	94.24	-.88	-34.5
Affirm Holdings Inc (AFRM)	22.95	-.76	-77.2
AgriFORCE Gr Sys Ltd (AGRI)	2.77	+1.10	+33.2
Amphenol Corp (APH)	69.54	-.93	-20.5
Apple Inc (AAPL)	145.54	-1.57	-18.0
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	44.84	+.31	-10.1
Bank of America (BAC)	34.81	-.36	-21.8
Barnes Group (B)	33.52	-.14	-28.1
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2046.01	-55.88	-14.7
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	76.91	+1.11	+23.4
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	98.55	+1.07	-4.5
Carnival Corp (CCL)	14.09	-.19	-30.0
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	39.86	-.33	-26.5
Carvana Co A (CVNA)	38.40	+.09	-83.4
Charter Communic (CHTR)	463.34	-8.05	-28.9
Chimerix Inc (CMRX)	1.66	-2.58	-74.2
Cigna Corp (CI)	266.49	+7.30	+16.1
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	41.87	+.39	-16.8
Corbus Pharma (CRBP)	.30	+.08	-51.6
Data Storage Corp (DTST)	3.45	+1.15	+12.7
Disney (DIS)	105.18	-2.15	-32.1
Dynavax Technologies (DVAX)	9.82	+.22	-30.2
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	102.03	-.28	-19.9
Ethan Allen (ETD)	24.12	...	-8.3
Eversource Energy (ES)	89.27	-.07	-1.9
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	90.95	+2.09	+48.6
Ford Motor (F)	13.05	-.45	-37.2
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	3.39	-.13	-34.8
Gen Dynamics (GD)	227.80	+1.49	+9.3
Gen Electric (GE)	74.63	-.42	-21.0
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	69.26	-.29	+.3
Honeywell Intl (HON)	193.96	+.43	-7.0
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	12.29	+.23	-22.8
IQIYI Inc (IQ)	3.41	+.44	-25.2
Imperial Petroleum (IMPP)	.77	+.10	-64.3
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	18.94	-.51	-25.2
Kaman (KAMN)	33.93	+.08	-21.4
Keycorp (KEY)	18.53	-.09	-19.9
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	53.42	-.67	-21.7
M&T Bank (MTB)	163.87	-2.71	+6.7
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	35.07	-1.08	-21.9
Meta Platforms Inc (FB)	200.04	+1.42	-40.5
MetLife Inc (MET)	63.62	+.20	+1.8
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	261.50	+.38	-22.2
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	1.17	+.18	-77.6
Novartis AG (NVS)	87.81	+1.99	+.4
Nu Holdings Ltd (NU)	4.35	-.47	-53.6
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	172.64	-4.42	-41.3
Occid Petl (OXY)	67.72	+3.64	+133.6
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	74.34	-.77	-14.6
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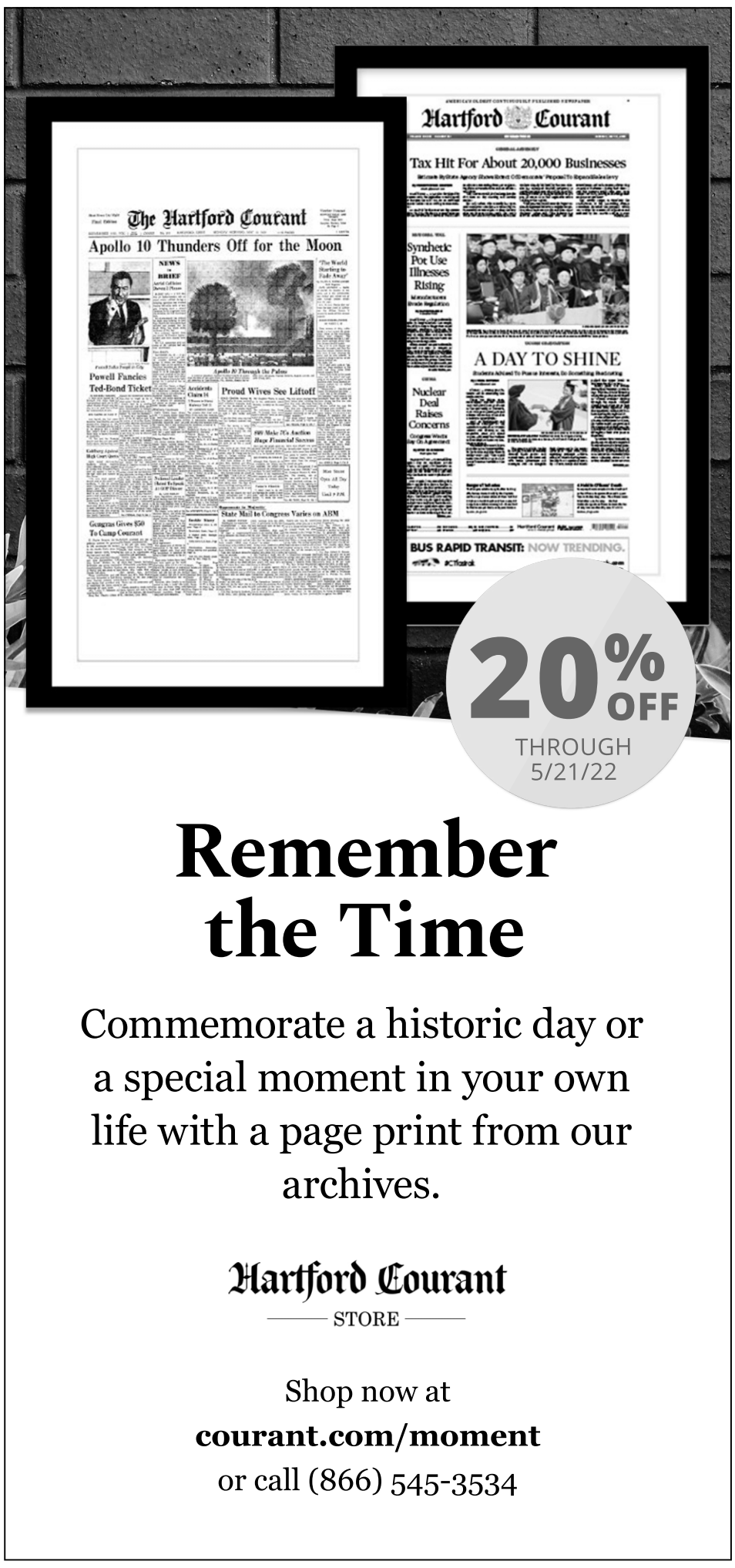
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OPINION

Property taxes hike cost of everything

By Aaron Frank

Determining how taxes will impact your budget can be hard work. **FILE PHOTO**

Each day we read about taxes — Gov. Ned Lamont is attempting to reduce them.

Towns such West Hartford, where I live, are trying to make revaluations less painful. Mayor Luke Bronin of Hartford wants to reduce property taxes for Hartford. He should remember, before he cuts too much, that residents of Connecticut have already bailed out Hartford from an expensive bankruptcy and we are unlikely to do so again soon.

What we really need to do is wipe out, and redesign, the most expensive tax in the state — property tax. Let's dispel a couple of myths first:

■ Myth 1: I don't own property so I don't pay property tax.

Do the gas station and the grocery store where you buy gas and groceries pay property tax? Then you do. Those merchants must account for costs and if those costs rise they will be passed on in higher prices.

If you rent an apartment and your landlord receives a higher tax bill, he will need to raise your rent. Even if you have a lease, that is only temporary protection. Like the grocer and the gas station, the landlord needs his rents to cover his expenses. When leases expire rents will increase.

Property taxes increase the cost of everything for everyone.

■ Myth 2: Only rich people own property.

We pay property tax not just on homes and buildings but on cars. And there are many people with cars who are not rich. That said, not everyone who owns a house is rich. There are hundreds of thousands of Connecticut residents who own their own homes and are squarely in the middle class. But remember myth 1. Just because someone doesn't own property does not mean they do not pay property tax. Property taxes increase the cost of everything for everyone.

■ Myth 3: If the value of a house decreases its property taxes will decrease proportionally. So it's only right that when the value increases the rate goes up.

Looking at the West Hartford town website for my house, the net value the town assigns our property is half of what we paid for it. But the taxes on our house are double what they were when we bought the place. Running comps on other houses shows that this is the rule, not the exception. As home values dropped, the town increased the tax rate so property taxes stayed the same or increased. So it would hardly be fair to increase our taxes now, even if our house doubled in value we would be back to where we were when we bought the place in 2004.

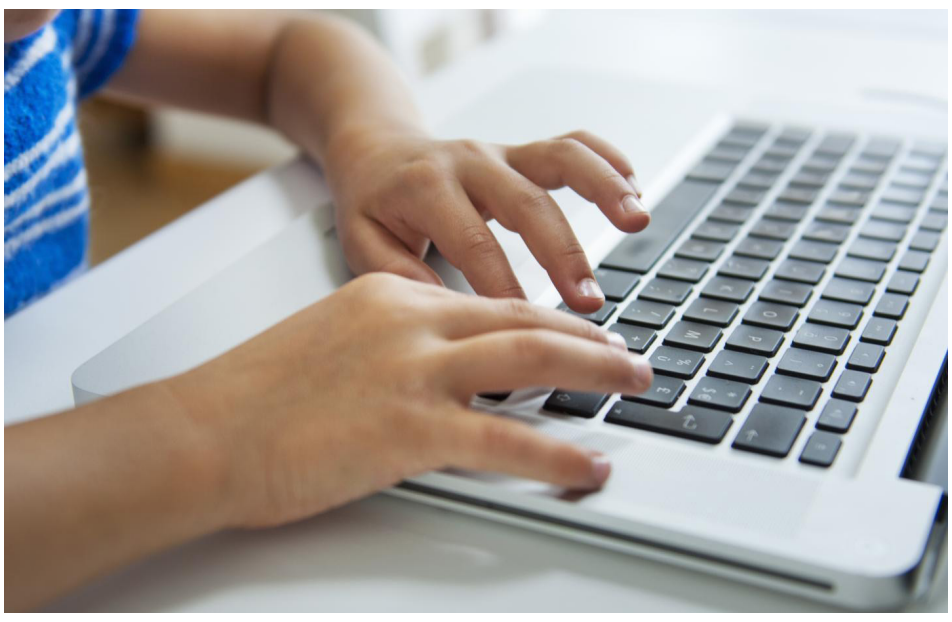
Connecticut needs to rationalize property taxes around the principle that when home values decline, taxes decline. We cannot continue to use the mill rate to make up for low valuations. We need to understand why the rest of New England saw low values rebound after 2008 and why it took a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic and the deaths of a million people to make people want to move here. High taxes — property and otherwise — is part of it.

Let's make Connecticut attractive, without a pandemic.

Aaron Frank lives and works in West Hartford. He works helping businesses use technology to solve their problems.

Paid parental leave key to healthy future of US

By Anila Gjuzi and Vananh Nguyen



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Paid parental leave is vital for health outcomes of infants and parents. It reduces infant mortality rate, decreases domestic violence, increases financial and job security and promotes autonomy in decision-making.

Many countries have implemented this policy but unfortunately, not the United States. According to the report by UNICEF in 2019, all of 41 developed countries in the study from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development offer different ranges of benefits with Estonia offering the highest (86 weeks of leave at full pay) while the U.S was the only country that offered absolutely no national paid parental/family leave.

While some states and private employers already have considered paid parental/family leave, certain members of Congress say that labor and economic markets will suffer when parents become dependent on a safety net. It is time for Congress to enact the paid parental leave as a national standard law.

The most recent constitutional reform was in 1993 when The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) was established. FMLA benefits remain the same as then, allowing eligible employees up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave per year with only approximately 60% of workers eligible for such benefit.

Despite strong public support, opponents cite concerns that such a mandated benefit will have a significant impact on businesses and impose a financial burden for employers balancing labor costs and payout benefits. Although pregnancy is not a legitimate cause for termination, employers might rely on voluntary employer policies to consider this as an alternative mechanism to decrease financial difficulties. Ultimately, by not having to offer paid maternity leave benefits, small businesses may decrease the risk of productivity loss.

Though some veracity can be appreciated, according to research, parental leave will in fact facilitate and encourage job security and decrease employee turnover rate. Additionally, access to paid parental leave will offer many health and economic benefits. First, with modern role and gender transformation, paid parental leave would reduce dependence on one another for economic assistance and would decrease the probability of needing to receive temporary welfare benefits after having eligibility determined (Chai et al., 2021; Montoya-Williams et al., 2020).

Consequently, paid parental leave decreases the gender-wage gap when expectant and new parents can provide for their children while making autonomous decisions. Women who financially depend on male partners are at risk of incurring violence because of patriarchal gender norms that shape political outcomes in policy terms, according to the Chai study. Therefore, federal maternity paid leave in the U.S. will provide an adequate safety net and decrease financial dependence and domestic violence.

Paid maternity leave improves physical and mental health for infants and parents by decreasing maternal postpartum depression, increasing bonding time and allowing adequate time for recovery from pregnancy and childbirth, and most importantly, decreases infant mortality rates.

According to recent research, about half of the women who took paid maternity leave experienced a decrease of potentially being rehospitalized at 21 months postpartum, and a reduction of 50% chance of hospitalization of their infants compared to women taking unpaid or no leave. Such results give grounds for a national paid parental leave law at the federal level.

This law should be offered into three categories: 1) maternity leave, available to mothers around the time of a birth or adoption; 2) paternity leave, available to fathers around the time of a birth or adoption; 3) parental leave, which typically is available after maternity or paternity leave. This could be funded by federal, state, employer and employees contributions.

With an increasing number of states offering paid parental leave, the U.S has achieved momentum. As mothers, as well as health care providers with 25 years of nursing experience and soon-to-be APRNs, we see the significant benefit paid parental leave will have on our society. More than ever, we urge the Congress to enact the paid parental leave at the federal level for a healthy future of our nation.

Anila Gjuzi and Vananh Nguyen are graduating nurse practitioner students at the University of Saint Joseph

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Op-ed got it wrong: Parents do have choices

In his May 10 op-ed in The Courant, "Don't ignore the rights of children," Richard Hiskes deliberately misrepresents the Troxel v. Granville Supreme Court ruling by focusing on Antonin Scalia's dissent, and not the actual ruling. The ruling in the 6-3 opinion is that "Choices [parents make] about the upbringing of children are ... sheltered by the 14th Amendment against the State's unwarranted usurpation, disregard, or disrespect." That ruling still stands as law. Parents have always had primary custodial responsibility and authority over their minor children. To say that this responsibility does not extend to parents' participation in the education of their children — or that it is ceded to school boards, teachers and teachers' unions — is absurd. They have a right to participate in decisions about what their children are taught and how they are taught it. These are not "mythical rights," as Mr. Hiskes would have us believe.

Ron DeSantis, the highly popular, democratically elected governor of Florida, has not just the right, but the responsibility, to act on behalf of his constituents when he sees those rights being abridged. If the people don't like how he is doing his job, they will vote him out. I do not understand why The Courant would publish such a misleading, irresponsible, ultimately pointless, article.

Charles W. Ayer, Vernon

Life will be easier when we are all-inclusive

Now that so many very capable Black women have reached extraordinary positions in federal and local government and in business, can we now please drop "First Black Woman" and move on to just recognize each individual as to whom they are and their accompaniments, as we do for white women [Page 2, May 10 "Avery sworn in as Connecticut's 1st Black female U.S. Attorney"]? Time to drop these labels and just appreciate that the best of the best have been chosen for a particular position.

Life will be become much easier for everyone when we are all-inclusive.

Jill Price, Newington

Republicans won't stop at Roe v. Wade

Although it will not become law till July 1, Gov. Ned Lamont signed a new law that will protect citizens and doctors from legal judgments in other states. This is why we must keep a Democratic governor and leaders in charge of our health and lives. There already are 86 motions introduced in 31 states to ban or restrict abortion. There are eight bans already enacted in six states. At 80 years old, I have heard many a horror story by women prior to Roe v. Wade becoming law.

If you believe that Republicans will stop at ending Roe v. Wade, then you are fooling yourselves. The GOP has always been against gay marriage. What will be next on their list of hack jobs on females and others? Vote for your rights in November.

Pam Bergren, Glastonbury

Not sure what Christopher Arnott was watching

My wife and I attended "Lost in Yonkers" on April 28, despite a tepid review by Christopher Arnott. We found the performance to be outstanding and with a great cast. There is a most interesting stage set, as well as an entertaining play script. The end of the play saw nearly everyone in the audience standing and cheering. It is difficult for me to understand why the Courant theater critic is asked to review theater as presented in Greater Hartford when Mr. Arnott saw none of what my wife and I saw, as did letter writer Sandra Rulnick of Bloomfield.

Robert S. Hall, West Hartford

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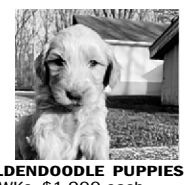

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

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OBITUARIES

Oehmsen, Melinda

Melinda Louise Custer Oehmsen, affectionately known as "Mimi," passed away peacefully on Friday, May 13, 2022 at the age of 81. Born in Hartford on May 7, 1941, she was the daughter of Herbert F. Custer Sr. and Claire (MacFetridge) Custer. She grew up in Manchester, graduating from Manchester High School in 1959, and Hartford Secretarial School in 1961. Married that same year, Melinda lived in Providence and New Britain before settling in Coventry to raise her children. In 1976, she and her family moved to Ellington. Melinda lived in Ellington for over forty years before relocating to Tolland in 2020.

In 1971, she began working at Hartford Hospital as an emergency-room medical secretary. It was here that she discovered a real interest and love for medicine and nursing. She began studying for her LPN degree while working part-time and raising her children. She said that this achievement was her hardest challenge of motherhood. In 1980, she received her nursing license from Windham Regional Vocational Technical School and upon graduating spent many more years at Hartford Hospital in various areas: on a major surgical unit, in the emergency department, and in behavioral health. While at Hartford, she met the most wonderful group of nurses – Dawn, Erin, Janet, Karen, Paris, Tim – who remained caring and loving friends for nearly four decades. They met many times for dinners and vacation getaways, and it gave her much joy to be included in these get-togethers. Melinda also worked at Manchester Hospital in the emergency psychiatric unit prior to her retirement. She enjoyed traveling to Ireland, Italy, France and Jupiter, FL, as well as taking trips to Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard with her BFF Rose. Melinda was lucky to have the support of so many, including special friends Wendy and Ann who were always there to lend a hand when needed.

Melinda enjoyed live theatre, opera, and ballet. An avid cook, she loved to share her recipes and dishes with everyone she met. She was Bob Dylan's number-one fan and attended many of his concerts over the years. Her favorite Dylan song, "Forever Young," was the theme of her 70th birthday party. At age 75, she was thrilled to see Bob play in Atlantic City and rushed the stage like a teenager during his closing song. A liberal Democrat, Melinda was proud to volunteer for various party candidates and was overjoyed to see President Obama in the White House for eight years. Melinda was also a staunch advocate for women's rights. She took pride in raising awareness of democratic ideals and encouraging women to register to vote. She was an early volunteer for Interval House, a Hartford-based organization that provides services and safe shelter to victims of domestic violence.

She is survived her three children and their spouses; Timothy Quell Oehmsen (Lisa) of Derry, New Hampshire, Peter Custer Oehmsen (Carleen) of Tolland, and her daughter and best friend Jill (Jack) of Cromwell, her adored grandchildren; Chris Dimmock (Kim), Nick Oehmsen (Rebecca), Kasey Oehmsen, Jack, Andrew, and Matthew Zaino, and Eli and Shyla Oehmsen, three great-grandsons; Ace Dimmock and Calvin and Spencer Oehmsen, former husband and forever friend Stephen Oehmsen of Farmington, brother Herb Custer of Martha's Vineyard, and sister-in-law Dorothy Custer of Manchester. She was predeceased by her beloved siblings; sister Barbara Custer Ermisch, brother David Custer, nephew Philip Ermisch and dear friend Maureen O'Connor Bradley. Melinda also leaves behind many loving nieces and nephews.

Melinda was happiest when surrounded by her family and the many friends she accumulated through all the decades of her life. She was proud to have stayed in touch with childhood friends – Beverly, Carol, Doris, Kathy, Linda, Roberta, Vivian – and was especially grateful for their caring gestures in recent months.

At Melinda's request, there will be no services. The family will host a celebration of life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Melinda's memory may be made to Interval House of Hartford, National Organization for Women, or Habitat for Humanity. Arrangements are in the care of Holmes-Watkins Funeral Home. Please sign the online guestbook at www.holmeswatkins.com

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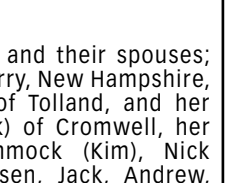

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Nista, Constance (Reysen)

Constance Victoria Nista of Avon, CT, passed away peacefully of natural causes at the age of 97 on May14,2022 at the Residence of Brookside, Avon.
She was born Nov.11,1924 in Manhattan, New York to the late William & Katherine Reysen, immigrants of Germany and Hungary. She is pre-deceased by her husband Richard Eugene Nista of Avon and her younger sister Dorothy Eleanor Burke of Parma, Ohio; and is survived by her daughter, Celine B. Nista of Pittsburgh, PA; as well as many nieces & nephews.
Constance and her younger sister were both raised by their parents in the Bronx. As a young child, she was very sickly. She survived several bouts of pneumonia, scarlet fever, and underwent two major back surgeries, which ultimately gave her the strength to live a long life. She attended St. Brendan's Elementary Catholic school, then transferred to Public High School #45 where she graduated with honors. At 16 years of age she met her husband-to-be, Richard Eugene Nista in a local ice cream parlor. Ice cream, dark chocolate, and Richard soon became among the loves of her life.
After graduating high school, Constance had high aspirations of going to college to become an English teacher; however, the WWII effort interrupted those plans and she instead went to work at Farrand Optical in the Bronx from1942-1953, performing a variety of secretarial duties. Constance also became a custom dressmaker, following in the footsteps of her mother. She was a gifted singer and enjoyed participating in her high school and church choirs. She liked cooking and baking, often creating and sharing many of her own recipes. She remained a devout Catholic her entire life and was an active parishioner of St. Ann's church in Avon.
In April 1949 she married Richard & they spent the next 69 years completely devoted to one another. In 1952 they purchased their first home in Ardsley, N.Y. Then in Feb.1954 they celebrated the birth of their only child, Celine Bernadette Nista. In 1960, Richard's job relocated to Windsor Locks, CT. He orchestrated the construction of their second and final home in Avon, where they eventually moved to later that same year.
Constance remained a stay-at-home Mom until her daughter was in her late teens; at which point she became an Avon Cosmetics Representative. She blossomed in that role, canvasing the entire Farmington Valley region door-to-door, always with a friendly smile, effervescent attitude, & dressed to a T. She worked diligently in that capacity for over two decades, making countless friends with whom she kept in close contact with for all her remaining years.
Constance moved to the Residence of Brookside in 2017, where she continued making more friends. She had an incredible memory for everyone's birthday, anniversary, and special moments in life. She loved to write hand-written letters and send greeting cards. She enjoyed reading, the performing arts and many different genres of music. In particular, she shared a special bond with her daughter for the music of the Carlos Santana band. When she was in her late 70's, her daughter treated her to a Santana concert at an outdoor venue, which she loved. She also followed major league baseball and was fascinated with the astrological signs of the zodiac.
She was always upbeat and positive; always encouraged and never discouraged. She practiced a healthy lifestyle all her life. Her motto was "everything in moderation." In short, she was an incredibly compassionate woman and lover of life. She will be missed by all that knew and loved her.
Visitation for family and friends to honor Constance will be held at the Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Road, Avon on Thursday, May 19, 2022 from 5-7pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, May 20, 2022 at 10 am at the Church of Saint Ann, 289 Arch Road, Avon, followed by burial at St. Ann's Cemetery.
In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be given to any of the following organizations that she supported:
Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation: www.fidelco.org
Arthritis Foundation: www.arthritis.org
American Lung Association: www.action.lung.org
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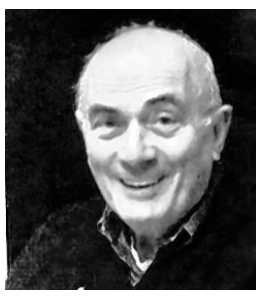

Herbert Shedroff, son of Edward and Rose Shedroff, loving husband, father and grandfather, died on Sunday at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Conn. He was 89.

Herb was born and grew up in Colchester, Conn. After graduating from Bacon Academy in 1951, he enlisted in the Navy and served through 1955. On his return, he devoted his life to education, attending Willimantic State Teachers College (now Eastern Connecticut State University), graduating in 1959. He taught science in East Hampton and went on to become principal of Gilead Hill Elementary School in Hebron. He spent 25 years, from 1969 to 1994, as the principal of Dominick F. Burns Elementary School in Hartford.

On the occasion of his retirement from Burns, the Hartford Courant ran a profile of Herb. Students and colleagues praised him as a steady force, a role model who took the reins of an overcrowded school at the tail end of the turbulent 1960s. He was, they said, the first person in in the mornings, the last to leave in the evenings. "He's the captain of the ship," a colleague said. "If something goes wrong and he's there, you know everything's going to be fine."

In the Courant, as well as in a 1989 story in The New York Times about economic disparities in Connecticut schools, Herb is described as always having his door open to students and his eyes open to the challenges they confronted. He was proud of an addition to Burns that was completed in 1992 and dedicated in his honor. The expansion made possible, for the first time in Herb's tenure, for all Burns students to learn under the same roof. "Public schools are merely a portion of society, so if there are problems in a societal setting, it's a reflection of the school," Herb told the Courant. "We can't become part of the problem. We can't express fear. Our rule is to be a solution to the problem."

In his retirement, Herb continued to work as a student teacher supervisor at the University of Saint Joseph and the University of Hartford.

Known for his firm handshake, quick wit and direct, no-nonsense approach with people, Herb was a devoted fan of the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots. He loved animals, especially his cats Yogi and Boo-Boo. He walked five miles a day.

Herb will be missed by his wife Harriet, of West Hartford; his son Mike Shedroff and his husband Linwood, of Windsor; his daughter Lisa Cooper and her husband Chuck, of Narbeth, Penn.; his stepchildren Susan Wilkinson and Melissa Kirsch; and his grandchildren Eric Schlesinger, Daniel Schlesinger and Emma Wilkinson.

A graveside service will be held on Thurs., May 19, at 11:00 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery, 200 Whitman Ave., West Hartford.

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Crand, Loraine M. (Morris)

Loraine M. Crand (known as Lori) of Suffield transitioned peacefully on January 6, 2022. She lived her 96 years and 19 days to the fullest, keeping her mind and zesty spirit intact until her passing.

A beloved wife, mother, sister, and friend, Lori was born in Gardner, Massachusetts on December 19, 1925. Lori graduated Gardner High School in 1943, earned a B. S. Degree in Education from Fitchburg Teachers College, Fitchburg, Mass. in 1947 and a Masters Degree in Guidance and Psychological Services from Springfield College in 1966. She started her elementary teaching career in Lexington, Massachusetts. At that time, she met her future husband, John J. Crand, Jr., and married in 1948.

Lori was later employed in the Spectrographic Laboratory at Pratt and Whitney Corp. She later worked for the Enfield Public School System as an elementary teacher and as a Guidance Counselor at Kosciuszko and J.F.K. Jr. High Schools, retiring in June of 1989.

Lori was an avid reader, crafter, sewer, clothes designer and great cook. She loved to entertain and her home was filled with people, people and people! She loved to sing and sang in several musical productions including the opera The Mikado. In the early 60's she chatted over the air waves as a ham radio operator. Lori and John traveled extensively throughout the U. S. and explored their ancestral roots in England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, and Greece.

Shortly after retirement Lori and John moved to Melbourne, Florida and spent many wonderful years on the Space Coast where they enjoyed making new Florida friends. Lori and John attended the Ascension Catholic Church and UNITY CHURCH of Melbourne where Lori continued to explore her love of spirituality and self-growth.

Lori was a loving and devoted wife and mother. She is survived and will be dearly missed by her daughter, Candace Crand Aleks and husband Ben of Somers, CT and son John (Jack) J. Crand, III and his partner Matthew Poltorak of Canton, CT ; Granddaughter Jennifer Aleks MacDonald and husband Bryan of Longmeadow, MA ; Great Grandchildren, Sarah, Sean and Paul MacDonald of Longmeadow, MA ; 3 brothers-in-law Richard Crand of Austin, TX , Robert Crand (Nancy) of Somers and David Crand (Judy) of Hilton Head, S.C.; Cousins Molly Gilmartin and Barbara , The Murphy Girl Clan of Gardner, MA and Cousin Patsy Boisvert of Poughkeepsie, New York. She also leaves many nieces and nephews and her dearest friends Bonnie Stevens, Maggie Roche, Joyce Coon, Nancy Stoll, Nancy Dyer, Barbara Grinuk, Jeanne Newton, Shirley Van Allen and Roberta Nestor.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE will be held at UNITY CHURCH of GREATER HARTFORD, 919 Ellington Rd. South Windsor, CT on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 10:30 A.M. Please wear bright colors.
Memorial donations in Lori's memory may be made to The Hospital for Special Care Foundation, PLS/ALS Neuromuscular Fund, 2150 Corbin Ave. New Britain, CT 06053 or to The CT Valley Symphony Orchestra C/O Kathy Fine, CVSO Treasurer 14 Vinlen Dr. Windsor, CT 06095. To Share a memory of Lori or leave a condolence please visit Brownefuneralchapel.com.

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Darefsky, Robert J

Robert J. Darefsky, 61, of Westport, CT, husband of Amy (nee Brown) and father of Jordan and Carlie, passed away at home on May 11, 2022. Rob grew up in West Hartford where he attended Hall High School. He went on to graduate from the University of Vermont and later received his MBA from the University of Chicago. Rob was a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers' Business Recovery Services practice before becoming a senior managing director at FTI Consulting. Rob is survived by his wife, children, mother Rosalyn Darefsky of West Hartford, sisters Marla (Mark) Severance of Stamford and Elyse Darefsky of Bloomfield, and niece Kayla (Josh) Jarnagin of Phoenix, Arizona. He was pre-deceased by his father, Leon Darefsky and nephew, Jared Bergman. Graveside funeral services were held on May 12, 2022 at The Emanuel Synagogue Cemetery in Wethersfield, CT. The family is observing a private mourning period. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of your choice or the Jared Bergman Scholarship (New Rochelle Fund for Educational Excellence, 265 Clove Road, New Rochelle, NY 10801).

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Richardson Lachmund, Theresa (Lamore)

Theresa Lamore Richardson Lachmund, of Manchester, CT, age 96, died at home on Friday, May 13th, 2022. Born in Van Buren, Maine the daughter of Dolphus Lamore and Ouida (Cyr) Lamore.
Theresa came to Hartford at age 18 and worked at The Institute of Living in the kitchen. She worked at Hartford Hospital after the birth of her children, the Verplanck Elementary School cafeteria in the 1960's, as a school bus driver, and later after her marriage to Roy, as a crossing guard in West Hartford. She came from a large family of 11 children who survived to adulthood of the 14 that were born. Theresa was the last surviving sibling/in-law in her family. She was a child of the Great Depression and WWII.
Terry, as she was known to those that loved her, had been a member of The Church of Assumption and sang for a few years in their choir. She enjoyed square dancing and was a member of several local clubs, and a square dance caller who volunteered at area nursing homes. She was a member of the West Hartford Senior Center and volunteered as a setback game organizer.
Her greatest joy was her family. Many holidays and gatherings were held at her home over the years. She was an amateur photographer who was never without a camera. Terry loved attending local theater productions, dance recitals, and ball games that the family's children participated in over the years.

Terry was widowed twice, first of Donald E. Richardson and eventually, Roy H. Lachmund. She was also preceded in death by her son, Wayne E. Richardson.
She is survived by daughter, Donna R. Mercier of Manchester, CT with whom she made her home the last 22 years; step-children Scott Lachmund, Lee Lachmund, Cindy Kennedy, and Lori Pagani; grandchildren Robert Y. Mercier II, Rebecca Duval, Donald Mercier, Kimberly Brockey, Christopher Richardson, Amanda Drake, and Andrew Richardson, step-grandchildren Michael Kennedy, Keith Kennedy, Valerie Sink and Bryan Kennedy; 20 great-grandchildren ranging in age from 1 to 20, as well as a great many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to CAST children's theatre, PO Box 1268, Manchester CT 06045-1268

The family will receive friends and relatives from 4-6:00PM on, Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at Holmes-Watkins Funeral Home, 400 Main St. Manchester, CT.
A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00AM on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at the funeral home. Burial will follow at East Cemetery in Manchester. Arrangements have been entrusted to Holmes-Watkins Funeral Home. To sign the online guestbook or leave a message of condolence please visit www.holmeswatkins.com

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Conoscenti, Grace

Grace Conoscenti, 94, of Windsor, formerly of Danbury, beloved wife for over 50 years of the late Joseph Conoscenti, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 12, 2022.
Grace is survived by her sons, John Conoscenti and his wife Christine Clauss and Joseph Conoscenti and his wife Doreen; grandsons, Christopher Conoscenti and his wife Christina and Stephen Conoscenti; step-grandsons, Thomas and Alex Jacobs; great-grandson, Anthony "AJ" Conoscenti; great-granddaughter, Lena Conoscenti; step-great-grandson Nikos Jacobs, her dear friend from childhood, Annette Forestiere, who grew up in the same apartment building with her and they remained faithful friends; and many other cherished relatives and dear friends.
In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her brothers, Anthony, Benjamin, Vincent "Jim," and Nicholas Gallina; her sisters, Lena Ionides and Linda Sulli; and her daughter-in-law, Jacqueline Conoscenti.
Her family will receive friends on Thursday, May 19, 10-11 a.m., with a Prayer Service at 11 a.m., at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor.
Burial will follow in St. Peter Cemetery in Danbury.
In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Grace may be made to the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 0611; The Lupus Foundation of America, 270 Farmingon Ave., #362, Farmington, CT 06032, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.
To read the full obituary or attend the service remotely, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Lawrence, J. "Larry" Frigault Sr.

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Clinton, NY

Lawrence J. “Larry” Frigault Sr., 87, of Clinton, NY passed away peacefully on Thursday May 12, 2022 at Faxton St. Luke’s Health Care.

He was born on January 14, 1935 in Bristol, CT a son of the late Alexander and Sophie (Yodkins) Frigault. He was a graduate of Goodwin Tech Vocational School. He served his country in the National Guard for many years.

On February 11, 1956, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Bristol, CT, he was united in marriage to Lorraine Joyce Kahrmann, a blessed union of over 66 years filled with much love and mutual devotion.

Larry was a tool & die maker in Bristol, CT, retiring after many years of dedicated service. He loved working the landscape around his yard both in Bristol, CT and Granville, NY his retirement home.

He was of the Roman Catholic Faith. Larry was a loving and caring dedicated family man who cherished the time that he spent with his family. In his younger days was heavily involved in youth sports, especially baseball and football. He was an avid square dancer and outdoorsman, who enjoyed hunting and golfing. He also loved traveling with his wife on cruises around the world.

He is survived by his wife Lorraine Joyce Frigault of Clinton, his two sons, Larry (his loving daughter-in-law Carol) Frigault of Richfield Springs, and Greg Frigault and his companion Leslie Crawford of Wesley Chapel, FL. He leaves a sister, Rita Marrone of Bristol, CT, and brothers, Alexander Frigault of Ft. Pierce, FL and Paul Frigault of Rochester, VT. He also leaves many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 11:00 AM at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in West Winfield where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Fr. Michael Guzik, S.J. There are no public calling hours, the family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Funeral Mass. Arrangements are with the Dimbleby Funeral Homes Inc. 365 West Main St. in West Winfield, NY.

For online expressions of sympathy please go to www.dimblebyfh.com

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Woykovsky, Michelina

With love and admiration, we honor the beautiful life of Michelina Woykovsky, who passed away on May 12, 2022. The sun shined brighter, for just a moment, that morning. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother during her incredible 93 years on earth.

Margaret was born on February 21, 1929, in the Bronx, New York to Nicola and Mary Rucci. At the age of thirteen, she moved to Hartford where she later met her late husband, Walter Woykovsky, and lived a full and wonderful life with their three children in Manchester. Margaret had a love for fashion and travel. Among many places, she reminisced about her time in Monte Carlo, Madrid, Aruba with her dear friend, Benito, Palm Springs, and New York at Christmas time. Margaret, better known to us all as Noni, left a lasting impression on each and every one of us, even her orange tabby cat named Tiger. She dedicated her later years to her grandchildren who meant the world to her.

She will be missed dearly by her children, Lorraine and husband Theodore Amenta, Larry Woykovsky, and Craig Woykovsky. Even more so by her grandchildren, Dante and wife Sandy Amenta, Antony Woykovsky, Britney and husband Brandan Fox, Devon and wife Rachele Woykovsky, Derek and wife Rachael Knapp, Kyle Woykovsky, and Larisa and husband Jordan Bar, and perhaps the most by her great grandchildren, Hailey Woykovsky Soto, Iris Amenta, Hudson and Henry Fox, and Britton Bar.

“Another year has gone by, but memories last,” she wrote many years ago in a note to her granddaughter. Fitting for someone who is, and will forever be, as memorable as her. We love you always, Noni.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, May 19th at 11:00 a.m. at St. James Church, 896 Main St., Manchester. Burial will be held in St. James Cemetery. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

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Beaudin, Patricia Mae (Nicholas)

Patricia Mae (Nicholas) Beaudin, 59 of Plainville, passed away peacefully with her loving husband by her side, on Friday, May 13, 2022 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut. She was the devoted wife of Joseph Beaudin, with whom she shared 30 years of love, travels, and life adventures.

Born in New Britain on April 11, 1963, she was one of four daughters to Andrew and Dorothy (Jehnings) Nicholas, graduated from Southington High School and received her Associate’s Degree from Bay Path College. Pat, as she was known to many, had a career with American Airlines for more than twenty years, where she enjoyed helping travelers with their bookings, and was often called upon by family and friends to assist them with their travel plans. She and Joe enjoyed many years of travels together. Pat and Joe were devoted “parents” to four rescue pups, who they doted over throughout their life together. Pat was the “cool aunt” who loved spending quality time with her nieces and nephews, who could always count on her and Joe to play board games and take them to the most fun places. An avid black jack player and casino visitor, she also embraced quiet times at home, reading a good romance novel or the latest celebrity gossip. The life of the party, Pat will be missed tremendously.

In addition to her husband and her parents, she leaves her spoiled dog, “Boomer”, her sisters, Pamela Martin (Joe Martinez), Cindy Paul (Ken), and Linda Crea; her nieces and nephews who loved her so dearly, Nicholas Tosta, Mackenzie Martin, Jason Tosta, Nathan Paul, Matthew Martin, and Julia Paul; her mother-in-law, Joanne Pylant; her father-in-law Fernand (Joe) Beaudin; and her sister-in-law Patti Beaudin. Pat also leaves behind a host of aunts and uncles, friends, and more than 50 cousins and second cousins from across the country including Connecticut, North Carolina, Texas and California. She was predeceased by her father-in-law, Frank Pylant.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Our Companions Animal Rescue, 34 Sanrico Dr, Manchester, CT 06042 or www.ourcompanions.org

Family and friends may gather on Thursday evening, from 6-8 p.m., with prayers and time for sharing at 7:30 p.m., at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A celebration of Pat’s life will be held on Friday, May 20, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Committal at West Cemetery and reception will follow. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

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Oliveira, António J.

António J. Oliveira, 99, of East Hartford, Connecticut passed away peacefully at home after a brief illness on May 12, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Murtosa, Portugal on November 11, 1922, one of eight children of Manuel J. Oliveira and Maria J. (Santos) Oliveira. In 1954, he immigrated to Venezuela to seek a better life for his family. In 1967, he moved to the United States, settling in East Hartford. He worked for The Wiremold Company (Legrand) for 18 years until his retirement in 1985. António was a devoted Catholic and a communicant of Our Lady of Fátima Church in Hartford. He was predeceased by his wife Gracinda in 2014 after 68 years of marriage. For many years, they enjoyed spending the summers in their hometown of Murtosa. He was also predeceased by son António A. Oliveira. He is survived by son Manuel J. Oliveira and his wife Maria Rosa of East Hartford, daughter Maria Julia and her husband Manuel Milheiro of East Hartford, with whom he made his home for the last 15 years; daughter-in-law Ausenda Oliveira of Vernon. He is also survived by his grandchildren Victor, Daniel, Margaret, Jennifer, Paulo and Marco; and great-grandchildren Katarina, Logan, Willow, Rachel, Juliana, Madeline, Grace, and Noah. He is survived by his brother João Oliveira and his wife Glória of Toronto, Canada; his sister Albertina Lopes of Kearny, New Jersey; his sister-in-law Maria Reverendo of South Windsor; and brother-in-law António Reverendo of Newark, New Jersey. He was also predeceased by his siblings Maria Rosa, Ana Emília, Augusta, Manuel and Domingos. António leaves many cousins, nieces and nephews and their families in Portugal, Canada and the United States.
The family expresses deep gratitude to the staff of ECHN – Visiting Nurse and Health Services of CT, relatives, and friends for the care, love and support they provided in his final days. Calling hours will be on Friday, May 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue in West Hartford, CT. The funeral procession will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fátima Church, 50 Kane Street, Hartford. At António's request the entombment will be at the Cemitério da Murtosa, Portugal where he will be laid to rest beside his wife. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in the memory of António J. Oliveira may be made to Our Lady of Fátima Church, 50 Kane Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com.

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Zembower, Winifred M.Shockley

Winifred M. (Shockley) Barnett Zembower, 92, of Avon, wife of the late William Zembower, passed away Saturday, March 12, 2022. She leaves her son Scott Barnett and his wife Kris and her daughter, Brenda Transue and her husband Thomas; four grandchildren; two greatgrandchildren; and a nephew. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, May 21, 2022, 2 PM at the Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main Street, Avon. A reception will follow the service in the church fellowship hall. Burial will be at the family’s convenience in Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to CT Foodshare, 450 Woodland Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002. The Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center of Avon is caring for the arrangements. For directions or condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Dixon Burnham Brown, Emma Jean (Dixon)

Emma Jean Dixon Burnham Brown, 82 of West Hartford passed away peacefully on Monday, May 9th surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Hartford to the late Arthur and Willie (White) Dixon.

Emma attended Hartford public schools and was a graduate of Hartford Public High School class of 1958. After high school, Emma was employed for a short period of time at G. Fox & Company and as head cashier of Giant Food Supermarket, Hartford. She began her career working for the State Department of Education, Fiscal Services until her retirement after 25 years of service.

Emma was an elegant and classy lady with an infectious smile and warm temperament that drew people in. To know her was to love her. She enjoyed listening to jazz and to the group After 7, travelling to experience new places, cultures and meeting people and the casino. Fashionista best describes Emma's sophistication and fashionable attire; she treated herself well. Emma also spent quality time with her family and especially enjoyed spending holidays and birthdays with her nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and was affectionately known as "Auntie Jeannie" to them all. She was the family's favorite Aunt. She enjoyed her life to the fullest and more so after retirement. Our beloved Emma "Auntie Jeannie" will be fondly remembered for her beautiful smile and kind hearted personality.

Emma is survived by two sisters, Iwilla Dixon Peggins of Windsor, Christine Dixon Smith of Cromwell; the matriarch of the family, Ruth Dixon of Bloomfield. Emma leaves to mourn her passing, step-daughters, Ruby Brown, Cynthia Fuller and Pamela Hinds all of Atlanta, GA. A devoted niece, Tracy E. Peggins of Windsor, Anyango Yaa As-antewaa (Holly J. Smith) of Hartford and Sharon Y. Shell of Avon; nephews, Derek A. Peggins of Hartford, Alonzo Peggins of Windsor, Lebron Sumpter of Miami, FL and Erik C. Smith of St. Petersburg, FL and a host of great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings, Joe White, Rosa Lee Dixon Wright and George "Pink Panther" Dixon and nephew Patrick E. Peggins. The Family would also like to extend a Special Thank You to the Hebrew Center for Health and Rehabilitation for their continuous special care and compassion, the Constellation Hospice Team for providing comfort care and support and to Karen Bailey Addison for her support throughout Emma's journey.

Services will be held at All Faith Memorial Chapel on Wednesday, May 9th, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., followed by a service at 11:00 a.m. Burial will take place immediately after at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest. At the request of the family, masks must be worn.

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Gordon, Carol V

Carol V. Gordon, 69, of Hartford, devoted wife of Melbourne Gordon, transitioned peacefully, on May 3, 2022, at her home, surrounded by her loving family, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Carol was born on November 29, 1952, in Claremont, Jamaica to Catherine (Howell) Scott and the late Egbert Scott. Carol migrated to the United States in 1990. Her passion for helping others carried into her professional career. Carol worked in the health care industry for over thirty-two years until her health would no longer allow her to. Carol was a loving and devoted wife, mother, sister, and dear friend. Carol was a person who was filled with love, understanding, patience, kindness, generosity, and hospitality. She loved life and had a love for people. She had such a warm smile and welcoming spirit and enjoyed each moment she had to make lasting memories.
Carol was a dedicated Christian and had a close and personal relationship with her Lord and Savior. She was a faithful and long-time member of North United Methodist Church in Hartford. Carol was committed to her one-on one time with God and made certain to always study her bible and devotionals. She was deeply involved in her church especially the Harvest Community Outreach. She was known to many as the “Village Cook”. During her outreach, she utilized her talent and love of baking and cooking. Whenever possible Carol would also spend time in her garden, as she had a green thumb and simply found joy in the outdoors.
The passing of Carol will leave a permanent ache in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Along with her husband Melbourne, and her mother Catherine, Carol leaves to cherish her memory; four children, Angelique, Angeline, Laurent, and Jodi-Ann; five grandchildren, Jaden, Lucca, Charlize, London and Padma; sons-in-law, Howard Rufus and Dean Mills; brothers, Ewart, Rolston, Peter, Garfield, Clive; sisters, Clover, Sharon, Janice, Pauline, and Monice. Carol will also be missed by her long-life best auntie Ivy Plunkett, and cousin Pete. Carol also leaves her North United Church Family, many beloved friends and extended family.
May her soul rest in peace and love.
Carol's life will be celebrated 11am, Saturday, May 21, 2022, at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130, Deerfield Road, Windsor. The family will receive friends prior from 10am-11am. A repast will follow immediately after in The Lodge banquet facility. For online condolences and to attend the service remotely, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Yost, Kay L (Pierce)

Kay Louise (Pierce) Yost, 84, of West Hartford, CT, died Monday, May 9, 2022. She was born on January 31, 1938 in Lebanon, OR. Kay moved to West Hartford in 1969 to raise her family. She worked as an executive secretary at various insurance companies in the greater Hartford area. Kay moved to Scottsdale, AZ to spend her retirement years in the warmer climate. She loved her cats and she enjoyed bike riding, gardening, and singing in her church choir.
Kay leaves her three children, Melinda and her husband, Don, David and his wife, Elise, and Dan and his wife, Sandy as well as seven grandchildren. She also leaves her sister, Maggie and her husband, John Huntley and their children in Oregon.
The family will be holding a private memorial service at a time to be determined. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Connecticut Humane Society.

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LaMonte, Dominic

Dominic LaMonte of New Britain Ct was born on June 18th of 1945 and passed away on February 5th of 2022 at the age of 76 in Fort Myers Florida. Dominic is predeceased by his father Dominic and his mother Jennie.
Dominic worked as an electrician and a plumber for 32 years at the Ensign Bickford company (later changed to Dyno Nobel) in Simsbury Ct from 1977 through 2009.
Dominic retired in 2009 and has lived in his "paradise" Fort Myers Florida since 2012 with his wife Carol.
Dominic has been called jack of all trades by everyone who knew him. He could fix anything. Dominic would never allow anyone to leave his home until they were properly fed. Dominic proudly served in the US Navy.
Dominic is survived by his loving wife Carol LaMonte, his four children Dominic Jr and his partner Karen, Thomas and his partner Tracy, Dawn and her partner Duane, James and his wife Angela and his two step children Christopher and Jennifer.
Dominic leaves behind 14 grandchildren. Brittany, Briana, Jesyln, Joshua, Nicholas, Alyssa, Julia, Krista, Anthony, Scott, Leah, Kaitlin, Mason, Gunnar and 4 great grandchildren Wrenley, Reagan, Giovanni and Josie June.
Dominic also leaves behind many nieces and nephews who adored him.
Dominic is survived by his brother William LaMonte and his wife Pat of Burlington Ct and his sister Cindy and her husband Bryant Pearson of Fort Myers Fl.
Dominic had so many friends who loved him in Ct and in Fl. Dominic loved all of his friends and his family with his entire heart. Dominic was a giver and he would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need.
He often stopped what he was doing to help anyone who needed it and doing so made him happy. He will always remain a hero to his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
Dominic is predeceased by his siblings Evelyn Ziegler, Dolores Olson, Marie Cianci, Jeanne Sowin, Joseph LaMonte and Frank LaMonte.
A memorial service will be held to honor Dominic in Connecticut on May 21st 2022 at 10:00 AM at St Mary's cemetery in New Britain Ct.

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O'Brien, Robert Emmett

Robert Emmett O'Brien, beloved husband of the late Jeannette Auburn (Moulton) O'Brien, passed away on Friday, May 13, 2022 after a brief illness. Born in Hartford, CT on April 22, 1933, he was the son of the late Daniel and Bridget Agnes (Heneghan) O'Brien.
Bob was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served on the USS Forrest Royal in the Korean conflict from 1952 to 1956 and serving in the Naval reserves until 1960. Following this, he operated a sheet metal business with his father until 1964.
Bob moved to Unionville in 1960 and joined the Farmington Police Department in 1964. He served in several capacities: Patrol Officer, Detective, Youth Officer and Sergeant. He retired in 1992, after 28 years of service.
He happily served as a volunteer to his many friends at New Horizon's Village, who gave him many years of wonderful kindness. He also proudly served as an usher at the 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Unionville.
Bob is survived by his daughter, Roxanne O'Brien of Unionville, granddaughter, Alexandra O'Brien-Dukes and her husband, Klaus Legaspi Dukes of Somerville, MA, son, Daniel O'Brien and his wife Martha (Carroll) O'Brien of Proctorsville, VT, son, Patrick O'Brien of Unionville, his children, Shannon and Sean O'Brien and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters, Carol, Patsy (Mary), Francis and brothers, Richard and William.
Friends may call at The Ahern Funeral Homes, 111 Main St., Rt. 4, Unionville on Wednesday, May 18th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Funeral procession from The Ahern Funeral Home will be Thursday, May 19th at 9:15 a.m. followed by the Funeral Liturgy in the Church of St. Mary Star of the Sea, Unionville at 10:00 a.m. Burial with full military honors will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Avon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to New Horizons Village of Farmington, 52 Bliss Memorial Road, Unionville, CT 06085 or to the Church of St. Mary Star of the Sea, 16 Bidwell Square, Unionville, CT 06085. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Vargas, Esther (Robles Aviles 1923-2022)

Mrs. Esther Vargas, 98, nee Esther Robles Aviles was born on November 3, 1923 in Hatillo, Puerto Rico. Her father was Tomas Robles Soto and her mother Emeteria Aviles Hernandez. She grew up in Santurce, Puerto Rico where she was enrolled at the Labra School. As a young woman she migrated to Brooklyn, N.Y. where she worked in the garment industry and later graduated as a hairdresser. Esther was a proud member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU). It was in Brooklyn that she met her soon to be husband, Edwin Vargas Santana. They were married for over 72 years. Their 70 th anniversary was the subject of a human-interest article featured in the Hartford Courant. They returned to Puerto Rico in 1960 and for several years Esther worked for the Island's Agriculture Department (Extención Agricola). Later they lived in the Dominican Republic while her husband studied dentistry. Upon his graduation they lived in Hartford for several years while he worked at the University of Connecticut Dental School. When he opened his private practice in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Esther became the Office Manager tending to all the fiscal and administrative matters. They eventually retired to Orlando, Florida where Esther gained local fame by reciting Spanish poems from memory at the Asociacion Borinquea where she also loved to dance and frequently played the maracas. They moved back to Hartford in 2014 and eventually became residents at Avery Heights. Esther was predeceased by her husband Edwin and by her son Ruben. She is survived by her sister Nilda Portalatin of Orlando, her son Edwin Vargas and his wife Sylvia of Hartford, three grandchildren, Edwin III, Daniel and Ruben, six great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren and many relatives and friends who will miss her dearly. The family wishes to thank the devoted staff at Avery Heights for all the care and kindness shown to Esther.
Funeral arrangements will be handled by DeLeon Funeral Home and will be private. A memorial service will be held for family and friends at a later date.

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Heumann Jr., Victor M.

Victor M. Heumann Jr., 82, of South Windsor, beloved husband of the late Alicia (Sammon) Heumann died peacefully on Friday, May 13, 2022, at St. Francis Hospital. Victor was born in Washington D.C. on January 10, 1940, son of the late Victor M. and Helen (Loska) Heumann. He grew up in Washington D.C. and served our country with the U.S. Army. Victor lived in East Hartford for a brief time, before moving to South Windsor 55 years ago. He worked in accounting and retired in 2010. He was a graduate of the University of Hartford in 1981, where he was honored to be a part of the Dean's List. Victor enjoyed model railroading, building model airplanes, boats and cars, jigsaw puzzles and was an avid gardener. He grew vegetables and always said "if you can't eat it don't grow it." He also enjoyed camping, fishing, photography, and long walks. He leaves his children, Steven Heumann and his wife Kim of Broad Brook, and Patricia Heumann of Vernon; his sister, Katherine Stupelman and her husband Charles of Ocala, FL; and his grandchildren, Samantha, Brandon, Tyler, and Alexandria. His family will receive friends on Thursday, May 19, 2022, from 5-7 p.m., at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor. A funeral service will be held on Friday, May 20, 2022, at 10 a.m., at the funeral home. Burial with Military Honors will follow at St. Catherine Cemetery in Broad Brook. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association and /or American Cancer Society. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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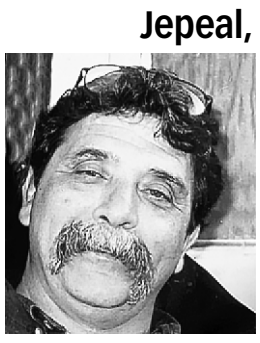
Jepeal, Lawrence S.



Lawrence Stanley Jepeal, 71 of Bristol, loving and devoted father, incredible brother, the "cool uncle", a true gentleman and friend to all, left this earthly life on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, following a brief illness. For the full obituary, future service information and online condolences, please visit Larry's tribute page at www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

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Swett, Hazen

Hazen L. Swett, 75, of Southington, beloved husband of 57 years to Mary Anne (Sacharko) Swett, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at home after a lengthy illness. Hazen was born in New Britain on September 17, 1946 and was the son of the late Lawrence and Maxine (Turner) Swett. Hazen was a graduate of Plainville High School, and enjoyed working on his class reunions. He retired from General Electric, and Electric Boat. He was an incredible golfer who also worked at Southington Country Club where he played in numerous leagues including the GE Golf league for many years. He finished his golf career as the manager of Northridge Golf Club alongside his good friend Dennis Lovely. He was a die-hard fan of the New York Giants, the Boston Red Sox, and the UCONN men's and women's basketball teams. In the 1970's and early 80's, Hazen was a coach and also a past president of the Southington South Little League. He was a self-proclaimed "foodie" who loved to watch cooking shows on the Food Network. Hazen also loved to play cards at the Back Nine Tavern and visit the casinos with Dennis. He was the happiest when travelling to various places with his wife, Mary Anne, his daughters, and grandchildren. He was also a parishioner of Mary Our Queen Church. Besides his wife, he is survived by his daughters; Kimberly DiFusco and her husband Silvestro of Southington and Cheryl Swett also of Southington. He is also survived by his two grandchildren; Nicola DiFusco of New York City and Bella DiFusco of Rhode Island. Hazen is also survived by his nephews; Eric Swett, Adam Swett, Zachary Willette, Kyle Willette and by one niece, Noelle O'Toole. He was pre-deceased by his brother Ernest. Calling hours for Hazen will be on Friday, May 20, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. A memorial service will be held at 6:45 PM. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Hazen's memory may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For directions or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.dellavecchiasouthington.com.

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Yoreo, James A.

James Arthur Yoreo, 95, of Tolland, CT passed away at home on Saturday (May 14, 2022) surrounded by his wife and son. He was married to Teresa (Ertel) Yoreo for 62 years. Born in 1927 in Rockville,CT to the late Dominic and Ethel (Connor) Yoreo. He served in the United States Army during World War II. A life long parishioner of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Rockville and Tolland, and charter member of the Knights of Columbus council 4122. He is survived by his sister Jane Adams, his daughter Margaret Moffett, son Dan, and grandchild Rebecca Moffett. He was predeceased by his oldest son David. He was a trumpet player in a band early in high school, and worked as a Jig-boarder for the Hartford Special Machinery before becoming a letter carrier for 32 years. He built a boat and enjoyed skiing before being married. He enjoyed playing golf with his son as long as he could, enjoyed reading Catholic books, attending daily Mass, gardening, home improvement projects, building model planes and rockets and attending John Denver concerts with his children, watching home improvement and cooking shows, and working outside. Following UConn women's basketball and the Patriots were also part of this life. He instilled a solid work ethic and belief in God into his children. His family would like to thank the staff at the DeQuattro Cancer center, Manchester and Rockville hospitals, the first responders and ambulance companies that assisted him, Robert from the HomeAids, the Visiting Nurse association, and Dr Orris (primary care), Dr Kapoor and his APRN Laura (oncology). We also want to acknowledge the faithful service the priests (past and present) of the Blessed Sacrament Parish. Relatives and friends are welcome to join the family from 5 to 7 PM on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at the Burke-Fortin Funeral Home, 76 Prospect St., Rockville, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at Blessed Sacrament Parish - St. Bernard Church, 25 St. Bernard Terrace, Rockville, CT. Burial will follow at St. Bernard Cemetery in Rockville. For online condolences please visit: www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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DeMerell, John "Nick"

John Nicolls "Nick" DeMerell, formerly of Ivoryton, died at Manatee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, Florida, on May 11, 2022 at age 84 of heart failure. He was the son of the late Richard and Erma DeMerell.
Born in New York City and raised in Scarsdale, New York, Nick graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. He earned a bachelors degree from the University of Chicago and an MBA from Columbia University. He served stateside in the US Army during the Korean conflict. His career was mostly spent in the finance sector and he served one term as a State Representative for Connecticut's 35th district. He cared for his parents during their final years in Essex, Connecticut, where he lived most of his life before moving to Florida.
While a somewhat unassuming guy, Nick loved to engage in intellectual banter and had a great sense of humor. He was an avid golfer and loved sports, especially baseball. He cared for his loving wife, Linnea, before her death in 2016. He missed her terribly and moved from Connecticut to Florida in 2020 to live out his remaining years.
He is survived by his niece, Robin DeMerell Provey of Washington, Connecticut, and her three children, and nephew, Richard DeMerell of Waterbury, Connecticut. Along with his parents and wife, Nick was predeceased by his brother, Richard DeMerell. He also left behind many friends and neighbors of whom he was very fond and talked about often.
As per his wishes, Nick will be cremated and his ashes will be scattered in the ocean in Florida and along the shores of Lake Waramaug where his niece can always find him. He will be missed.
In lieu of a memorial service, which Nick adamantly opposed, hold your loved ones close and embrace the small moments just once in his memory.

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Hernandez, Antonio

Antonio C. (Buddy) Hernandez, Jr., 79, of Portland, husband of the late Judith (Guiliano) Hernandez passed away on Saturday, May 14th in Middletown. Born on April 10, 1943 in Manhattan, NY, son of the late Antonio C. Hernandez Sr. and Margaret (Sucre) Hernandez. Buddy lived most of his life in Portland and was a member of St. Mary's Church, Portland. He was retired from Northeast Utilities after being employed for many years. A member of the Portland Fire Department Co # 2 for over 40 years, during that time he delivered two babies and helped save countless lives. Also a member of St. Mary's Counsel # 7 Knights of Columbus . Buddy is survived by his loving family, a son Michael Hernandez of Portland, a granddaughter Addison Hernandez of Newington, and his significant other Patricia Landry. He was predeceased by a son Chris Hernandez, as well as two sisters Colby Davis and Gloria Robida.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, May 21st in St. Mary's Church, Portland, at 10 a.m. Burial will be in the family plot in St. Mary's Cemetery, Portland. Friends may call at the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St, Portland on Friday, May 20th from 5 to 7 p.m.

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Sheintop, Ruth (Marmulstein)

Ruth Sheintop, 92, of Farmington, formerly West Hartford, passed away on Sunday, May 15. She was born on November 2, 1929 in New York, NY to Rose and Benjamin Marmulstein, and was the beloved sister of Mildred, Ceil, Renee and Vivian. Ruth was pre-deceased by her husband of 39 years, Herb Sheintop, who she met while on vacation in the Catskills. She will be missed by her children David (Linda) and Andrew, along with her grandchildren Lauren, Jay, and Sofia. Ruth derived a great deal of pleasure from providing for and caring for her family. In addition to her loyal support of the family business (Herb's Sport Shop), she enjoyed tennis, pickleball, tap dancing and going to Broadway shows. Ruth was an elementary school teacher for many years, beginning in NJ, where she spent most of her childhood, and then in West Hartford after she got married, where she raised her family and taught for 33 years. A graveside service will be held on May 18 at 11:00 am at the Beth El Cemetery in Avon. Memorial contributions may be made to Southington Bread for Life, 31 Vermont Avenue, Southington, CT 06489 or to a charity of your choice.

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Valentukonis, Joyce M.

Joyce M. Valentukonis, 76, of Southington, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Friday, May 13, 2022 at Southington Care Center. Joyce was born in Hartford on March 11, 1946, to the late Leon and Margaret (Moir) Valentukonis. Joyce worked in the insurance industry for more than 50 years, retiring from United Healthcare. She had a passion for reading and was a member of the Calendar House where she enjoyed taking yoga classes. Joyce leaves behind her loving family and many friends. Joyce's family would like to thank the entire staff at the Starling Oncology Department and Southington Care Center for their compassion and excellent care. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joyce's memory may be made to the American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601 (www.lung.org). To honor Joyce's wishes, funeral services will be celebrated privately. Plantsville Funeral Home has been entrusted with handling the arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.plantsvillefuneralhome.com.

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Wyskiel Sr., Walter

Walter Wyskiel, Sr., 83, of Rockfall, husband of Elizabeth "Betty" (Pattavina) Wyskiel, died Tuesday May 10, 2022 at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, surrounded by his family. He was born in Middletown, the son of the late Alexander and Katherine (Mucha). Walt served with the US Navy and later retired as a machinist for the State of Connecticut. He was a member of the Kosciuszko Society and the American Legion. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Walter Wyskiel, Jr. of Middlefield; daughter, Robin Longworth (Richard) of Durham; brother Stanley Wyskiel of Middletown; grandchildren, Amanda Gannon (Sean), Andrea Richards (Patrick), Samuel Longworth, Mikayla Wyskiel, Walter Wyskiel, III; great grandchild, Driscoll Gannon; also several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers Joseph and John Wyskiel. Friends may visit with his family on Thursday (May 19th) from 5 to 7 p.m. at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St., Middletown. Burial will be at the convenience of his family. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may send memorial contributions to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Attn: Processing Center, PO Box 947765, Atlanta, GA 30394 or at https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/giving To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Wadowski, Grace (Ferrigno)

It is with great sadness to announce the passing of our most beautiful and amazing mother, Grace (Ferrigno) Wadowski on Saturday, May 14, 2022. Two weeks short of her 94th birthday, the good Lord called her home to be with her late husband, Stanley, whom she had been married to for 54 years until his passing in 2003. Grace will also be reunited with her most incredible, loving and special parents, Vincenzo and Maria Angela (Crispino) Ferrigno, her siblings and their spouses, brothers Dominic and Josephine (surviving - Impaluso) Ferrigno, John and Mary Ann (Pignone) Ferrigno, Anthony and Dorothy (Carvell) Ferrigno, Vincent Ferrigno Jr. and Ann Burns, sisters Josephine (Ferrigno) Mangano and Dolores (Ferrigno) Ouellette.

Surviving children and their spouses include Stanley Jr. and Nina (Ortega) Wadowski, Ronald and Dawn (Nichols) Wadowski, and Dawn (Wadowski) Ellison. Grandchildren include Jacob and Benjamin Wadowski, William and Brianna Ellison.

Grace also leaves behind many nieces and nephews. Her deep heartfelt love touched everyone who crossed her path. She was passionate about loving and helping others. Always thinking of everyone else, her love had no boundaries. She touched countless lives, young and old. Grace's name fits her, as grace means undeserved favor and kindness. She was always known to live that way... offering love to everyone she met.

Grace was born on May 31, 1928 in Willimantic, Connecticut. She met the man of her dreams 17 years later at the Royal Typewriter Company in Hartford, CT, where they were both employed. She married Stanley at the age of 20 in 1948 and honeymooned in Niagara Falls.

Grace was blessed with three children, Stanley Jr., Ron and Dawn. In 1964, Grace and Stan bought their first home in Bloomfield, CT. One year later, in 1965, Grace raised her children in that little house, which was full of her selfless love. Her three children graduated from the same high school and Grace and Stanley continued to live there for 24 years.

Throughout their time in Bloomfield, countless family and friend gatherings took place in their love-filled home and backyard. Her children's school years and sports activities gave her much excitement, as well as memories of fun-filled family vacations. Grace repeatedly claimed, "Those were the best years of my life!"

The start of their retirement, in 1988 brought them to southern California for 10 years, enjoying the sun, peaceful living and frequent trips to Las Vegas. The next two retirement homes brought Grace and Stan back to the east coast. They lived in Connecticut for two years then finally settled in at the Jersey Shore. Just one hour away, they found lots of fun and joy in Atlantic City's boardwalk. There was no greater joy than spending time with their grandchildren, William, Brianna and their daughter Dawn.

Grace peacefully passed on May 14, 2022, and was called home by her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Grace will be held at Saint Margaret Mary Church, 80 Hayes Road, South Windsor, CT. Monday, May 23rd at 11:00am. Grace will be interred beside her dearest husband, Stanley Sr. at New Wapping Cemetery, South Windsor, CT, following the Mass.

May you Rest in Peace, our "Amazing Grace"

For information please contact Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, South Windsor, CT 860-644-2940

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Peretto, James M.

James "Jim" Michael Peretto, 66, of Rocky Hill, loving husband of Rita DeMilia Peretto for 44 years, passed away on Friday, May 13, 2022 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer, in which he fought for every last minute for his cherished family. Born on May 31, 1955 in Hartford, Jim was the son of Josephine Yoker Peretto and the late James Joseph Peretto from Newington. After graduating from the University of Hartford in 1977, he married his high school sweetheart and love of his life. Jim worked at Pratt & Whitney for over 40 years, retiring in 2015 as a Structures Lead specializing in Field Investigations. He was dedicated to his work, "making the world a safer place for powered flight" and built lifelong friendships that became family. Jim was a sports and games enthusiast, with a passion for golf and spending time fishing at their home in Highland Beach, FL. He enjoyed cooking, music, and fine wine, as long as it was shared with family and friends, and especially his wife, children and adored grandchildren. Jim was always offering help, with no project too big or small. Whether he was building decks, yard work, or fixing his grandchildren's toys, he would do it with care, pride, precision, and a smile.

In addition to his wife Rita, he is survived and will be forever missed by his daughter, Nicole Peretto Hartford and husband John Hartford; his son, Michael Peretto and wife Marisa Walsh Peretto; his five grandchildren, Quintin, Finn, Miles, Nola and Harper; his mother, Josephine Peretto; father-in-law, Vincent DeMilia; sister, Barbara and husband Edward O'Keefe; brother-in-law, William and wife Marie DeMilia and many special and loved nephews, nieces, extended family and friends. Jim was predeceased by his father, James Peretto; mother-in-law, Barbara DeMilia and nephew, Bryan O'Keefe. The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the staff of Hartford Hospital oncology and all of Jim's providers and nurses for the great care he received. Jim truly made the world a better place with his smile, endless generosity, and joy for life. He will be deeply missed by all of those he has left behind.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, May 20 at 10 a.m. at St. Josephine Bakhita Parish at St. James Church, 767 Elm Street, Rocky Hill. Everyone is asked to please go directly to the church. Burial will be private. The family invites relatives and friends to celebrate Jim's life on Thursday, May 19 from 4-6 p.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 or online at www.pancan.org. To share a memory of Jim with his family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.

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Stover, Virginia R

Virginia R. Stover, 90, of West Hartford, and beloved wife for 68 years to the late Donald R. Stover, D.M.D., passed away peacefully on May 4, 2022. She was born on August 31, 1931, in Pittsburgh, PA to Hortense Melva Snow and Otto Fredrick Ritzmann, and raised in Springfield, MA where she graduated from Classical High School. She attended Deaconess School of Nursing and worked as an office manager for her husband's dental practice for many years. Ginny was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She enjoyed retirement in Sun City West, AZ, and traveling in her RV throughout the southwest, and to Cape Cod. She had a passion for sewing, quilting, and cross stitching. She was a devoted member of P.E.O. and cherished her P.E.O. sisters. Ginny was an active, longtime member of the Assemblies of God Church. She is survived by her daughters, Nancy Kosiorek of Pelham, MA, and her husband Joseph, and Lori Yu of Unionville, CT, and her husband Leslie; her son, Mark Stover, of Kinnelon, NJ; her grandchildren Brian, Rachel, Scott, and Steven; her great grandchildren Chase, Blake, and Henry; and her sisters, Eleanor Plaus of Longmeadow, MA and Louise Roche of Palo Alto, CA. She was predeceased by her sister Evelyn Marie Ritzmann and her brother, Robert William Ritzmann. A private funeral service will be held. There are no visiting hours. To share a memory with Ginny's family, please visit www.curranjones.com. The Stover family wishes to thank the staff of St Mary Home for their compassionate care in her final months.

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Grzybowski, Stephen Francis

Stephen F. Grzybowski has passed away peacefully on 5/10/22. Stephen graduated Wethersfield High School class of 1969.He served in the Army as a medic in Germany from 1969 to 1971. He also received a National Defense Service Medal for sharpshooting. Stephen was married to Pamela Miller of Glastonbury. He was predeceased by parents Doris and Charles Grzybowski of Wethersfield. He also was predeceased by a son Matthew Grzybowski. He leaves behind Granddaughter Kayla Wrisley. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Ct Humane Society of Newington, CT. A private service will be held in the future.

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TRIMMIER, DONALD E.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Donald E. Trimmier, Age 74 of Weymouth MA, formerly of Charlotte, North Carolina on May 5, 2022. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years Linda F. Trimmier, mother Susie S. Trimmier, niece Leigh S. Merritt and her husband Ishmail, grandniece Peyton S. Merritt, brother-in-law Brian Frank and wife Lisa and sisters' in-law Claudia Frank and Gail Snowden. He was predeceased by his father Roscoe Trimmier, Sr. and brother Roscoe, Jr. A Vietnam veteran and purple heart recipient, Donald was a Medical Specialist in the US Army. After attaining his Associates Degree in Nursing, he had a long and distinguished 38-year career at Massachusetts Eye and Ear of Mass General Brigham. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements Davis Funeral Home of Boston. To post a sympathy message visit www.DavisofBoston.com

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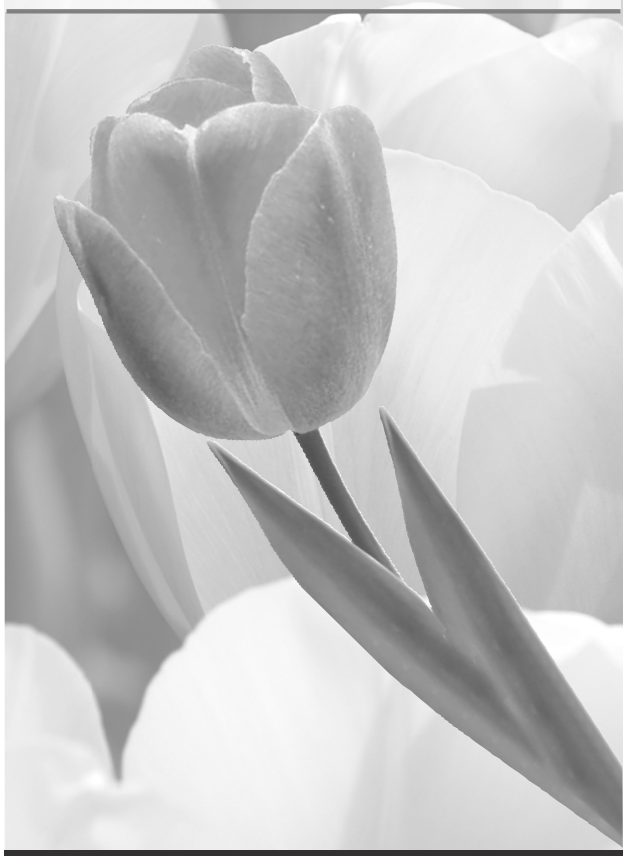

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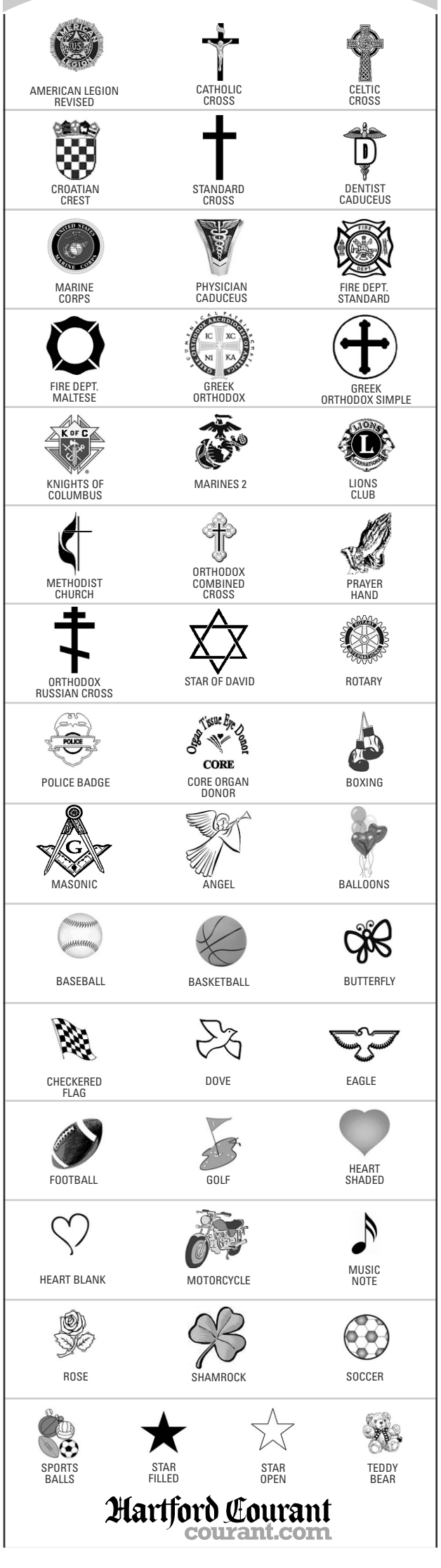

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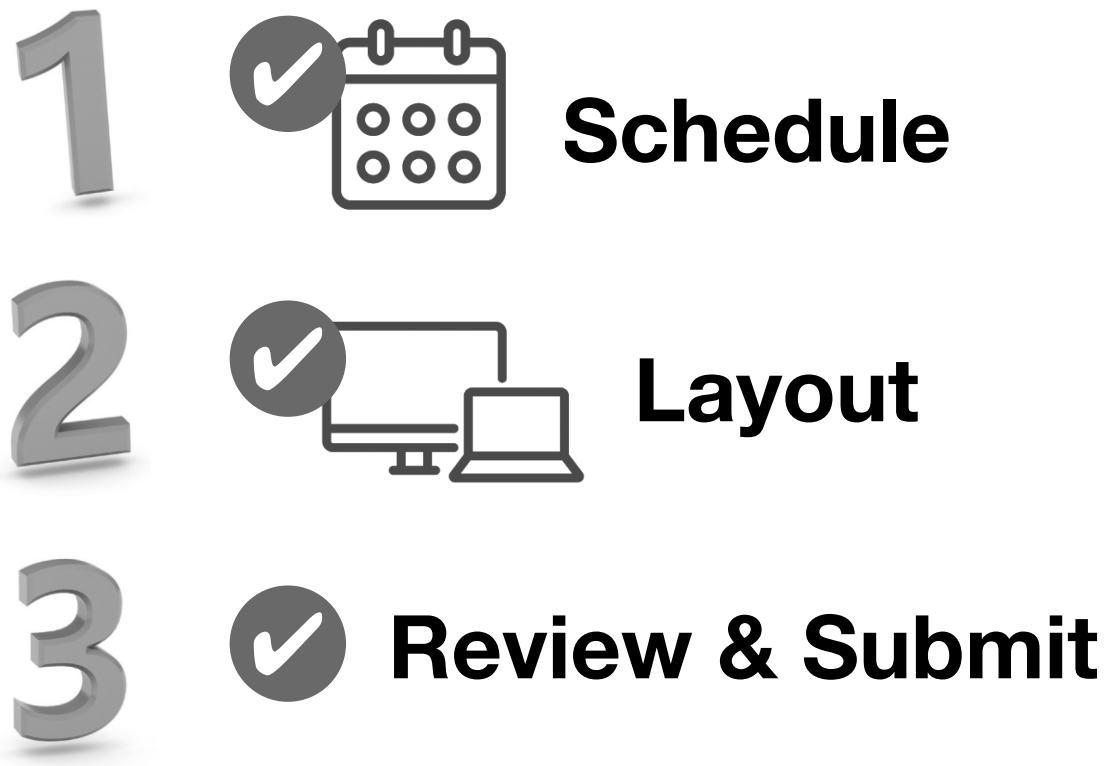

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In TV ad, governor gets colorful support

One supporter's word bleeped out at close of 30-second commercial

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — As governor, Ned Lamont is getting it done. That's the message that Lamont's campaign wants to get across in its latest television commercial that started airing Monday night.

But the message is conveyed in a more colorful than usual fashion with one supporter's word bleeped out at the close of the 30-second commercial that will be shown statewide and in the expensive New York City television market that beams into Fairfield County.

In all, eight Lamont supporters are included in the commercial, a collection of short interview snippets. They are all "friends of friends and friends of supporters that we reached out to," said Jake Lewis, a campaign spokesman.

The interviews come across as random in the commercial that is entitled as "Man on the Street" on You Tube. While some arrived at the filming as supporters, others who were not included in the ad were also interviewed completely at random, Lewis said. They were all filmed outside the Old State House in downtown Hartford, which is clearly recognizable in the ad.

In a campaign rematch that is expected to be bitter against Republican Bob Stefanowski, the commercial steers clear of hot-button issues like abortion and taxes. Instead, the ad features playful music in the background as supporters explain why they favor Lamont.

At the same time, hard-hitting commercials by a third-party group have continued to run on television, mentioning Kosta Diamantis. The former state deputy budget director was fired after questions were raised when chief state's attorney Richard Colangelo hired Diamantis's daughter for a state job paying $99,000 per year as an executive assistant at the same time that Colangelo was seeking pay raises for fellow prosecutors and himself. Diamantis himself was earning nearly $200,000 per year when he was fired eight days after the state received a subpoena from a federal grand jury as the FBI was investigating how contracts were awarded in the school construction program overseen by Diamantis.

In the governor's latest commercial, when asked what they think of Lamont, voters gave the following answers:

Voter #1: Ned Lamont?

Voter #2: Oh, Governor Lamont?

Voter #3: He's the best.

Voter #4: Yeah, I love that guy!

Voter #5: An extremely compassionate leader — very approachable.

Voter #3: He's a businessman, and I think it shows.

Voter #4: I don't think he's a typical politician.

Voter #1: Honest, trustworthy...

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Visitors climb the stairs to Gillette Castle where extensive renovations, including to the retaining wall at left, have been done. The state park and castle has will reopen to the public May 28. In the meantime, the grounds are open to visitors. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Actor's 103-year-old castle gets renovations

Season to run Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Gillette Castle — that eccentric-looking mansion of jagged stones that gazes over the Connecticut River on the East Haddam-Lyme town line — opens to the public from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. Visitors to the house of "Sherlock Holmes" stage actor William Gillette will find some repairs made to restore the 103-year-old landmark to its original glory.

The first new addition visitors will see is the sign welcoming them to the castle. It features Gillette in silhouette, wearing Sherlock Holmes' cap and smoking his pipe. Also, the Seth Thomas clock in the great room has been fixed and keeps time again.

The stone retaining wall surrounding the castle has been fixed, said Park Supervisor Jack Hine. "It was a dry-laid wall, with the earth retaining it. It pushed it down over 100 years," Hine said. "It is now reinforced concrete, faced with the original stones."

Also the conservatory adjacent to the river-facing terrace has been restored.

"Last year it was almost barren. It didn't feel like it probably actually looked during Gillette's time. It didn't show the joy of a properly tended garden," said Lynn Wilkinson, president of the Friends of Gillette Castle State Park.

Wilkinson said many garden-supply merchants in the area donated to the restoration project, to fill the conservatory with a variety of strong, healthy plants. A small pool in the room will be filled for visitors to toss coins in. The park collects the coins and displays many of them to show the countries that park visi-

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Raytheon, startup to develop hypersonic aircraft

Pratt & Whitney's parent partners on product that can cross Atlantic in 90 minutes

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Raytheon Technologies Corp., the parent company of jet engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney, is partnering with an Atlanta startup to develop hypersonic aircraft that can travel five times the speed of sound and cross the Atlantic in 90 minutes.

Through its newly established corporate venture capital group, RTX Ventures, Raytheon is investing in Hermeus Corp., which is developing hypersonic defense and commercial aircraft. It didn't disclose financial terms, but said it's joining Hermeus' previously announced $100 million financing round.

The investment will support the build-out of its first aircraft, Quarterhorse, and accelerate development of its next aircraft, Darkhorse.

Hypersonic technologies are of critical importance to national security, said Daniel Ateya, managing director of RTX Ventures.

"Hermeus' technical approach and business plan balances near-term defense applications with long-term commercial aspirations and will help our customers reimagine the possibilities of hypersonic technologies," he said.

Greg Hayes, chief executive officer of Raytheon, told industry analysts on a conference call last month that RTX Ventures will accelerate the Waltham, Massachusetts, aerospace and defense conglomerate's pipeline of innovative technologies to "drive future growth and seed an ecosystem of groundbreaking technology companies."

Hermeus is a venture-backed startup with the goal of developing Mach 5 aircraft that will travel at more than 3,000 miles per hour, cutting trans-Atlantic travel to 90 minutes from seven hours.

Hermeus and the U.S. Air Force entered a a $60 million jointly funded contract last year to accelerate the commercial develop-

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

'New normal' leaving many in state behind

By Jenna Carlesso and Katy Golvala
CT Mirror

In early May, a day after the legislative session ended, Gov. Ned Lamont reflected on the recent passage of what he called the state's "first post-pandemic budget."

"I know we're still at a 10% infection rate," he quickly added, "but as we move on to our new normal, this was important."

Lamont also acknowledged a package of recently adopted bills aimed at expanding children's mental health services.

"Coming out of COVID," he said, "I think we've seen in no uncertain terms the stress that was on mental health."

But is Connecticut and the rest of the world "coming out" of COVID? Is this a "post-pandemic" era?

Last week, amid steadily climbing case rates, Connecticut's seven-day rolling aver-

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Study: Connecticut best state to be police officer

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

Connecticut is the top state in the nation to be a police officer, according to a study by a group of academic experts for the website WalletHub.

One longtime police union leader, however, called the findings "meaningless."

The financial information site compared the 50 states and District of Columbia "across 30 key indicators of police friendliness," including income and benefits, training, police deaths per 1,000 officers and crime rates, according to a description of the survey (wallethub.com/edu/best-states-to-be-a-cop/34669).

The findings meshed with recent requests from Connecticut police chiefs to hire out-of-state officers, Michael Lawlor, a member of the state Police Officers Training and Standards Council, said Monday. At its meeting last week, the panel approved 15 requests to grant "comparative certification," meaning out-of-state officers that the chiefs wanted to hire met Connecticut's standards, Lawlor, also a professor of criminal justice at the University of New Haven, said.

In his personal, professional opinion, Lawlor said, "What you're seeing is the good cops want to come to Connecticut."

A study by a group of academic experts for the website WalletHub says Connecticut is the top state in the nation to be a police officer. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

But veteran Manchester police officer and union leader Lt. John Rossetti said "data can be skewed any way the collector wants based on categories they chose to track.

"So I think it's meaningless," Rossetti said of the WalletHub study. "Policing across the country and in Connecticut is suffering due to the policy makers' inability to lead and make effective laws and policies current with the systematic problems the country is experiencing, and Connecticut specifically. Look across Connecticut with the towns' inability to attract and retain quality employees."

Rossetti and other officers vehemently

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Convenience store owner accused of sexual assault

Man, 40, charged with two counts of fourth-degree sexual assault and four counts of risk of injury to a child in Manchester

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The 40-year-old owner of a Manchester convenience store is facing several charges after he allegedly sexually assaulted a 14-year-old girl, as well as providing her and an underage friend with THC and nicotine vape products, according to the arrest warrant affidavit.

Muhammed Adrees, the owner of Manchester Mini Mart & Tobacco at 352 Main St., turned himself in to police Friday and is charged with two counts of fourth-degree sexual assault and four counts of risk of injury to a child, according to police.

He was released from custody after posting a court-set $100,000 cash/surety bond. He is scheduled to appear in Superior Court in Manchester on June 17.

According to the warrant, the victim told school staff and, ultimately, police that she was allegedly sexually assaulted by Adrees on two separate occasions at the store after she had allegedly smoked THC vape pens.

The victim said she had been going to the store for about a year because Adrees allegedly allowed her to smoke THC and nicotine products, the warrant affidavit said. The victim, the warrant says, estimated that Adrees allowed her to smoke vape cartridges about 30 times.

It's illegal in Connecticut for anyone under age 18 to buy or possess in public an e-cigarette or vape product and for anyone to sell, give or deliver them to anyone under age 18.

According to the warrant, the victim told police "just about everyone who smokes at the high school goes to Muhammad's shop because he sells to the underaged."

On the day of the alleged assaults, the victim told police Adrees urged her to "have some more, have some more" THC products, the warrant said.

Following the assaults, the victim said Adrees drove her back to school "because he probably saw that she was way higher than usual and she wouldn't be able to walk to school without getting hit by a car," the warrant said.

The victim also told police she recorded Adrees on video in February having an inappropriate conversation with her juvenile friend. The 20-minute recorded video, according to police, showed Adrees allegedly engaging in a sexually explicit conversation with the juvenile friend.

The friend, according to police, declined to participate in the investigation involving Adrees.

According to the warrant, Adrees initially denied any inappropriate conduct with the alleged victim, but then changed his story when police presented him with their evidence.

Adrees allegedly admitted to the sexual assaults, giving the victim a ride to school and receiving an explicit picture, though he said he did not ask for it, the warrant affidavit said.

He also admitted to providing the victim's friend with tobacco products and acknowledged the sexually explicit video chat, according to the warrant.

The law firm listed as representing Adrees on the state's judicial website said it does not represent Adrees.

Virus

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age topped 13% — a substantial upswing from the end of February, when the first omicron wave subsided and the state's daily positivity rate hovered around 2% to 3%.

Hospitalizations, which by mid-March had fallen below 100, exceeded 300 last week.

Two new highly contagious subvariants of omicron are spreading quickly and one, BA.2.12.1, could become the dominant form of COVID-19 in the U.S. in the coming weeks.

Even as case rates balloon in Connecticut and elsewhere, restrictions designed to curb the spread of the virus are more relaxed than ever. A broad masking requirement on airplanes, trains and other public transportation was dropped in April (though some companies continue to mandate masks, including the Metropolitan Transit Authority). Statewide school mask edicts were lifted in February in Connecticut and several neighboring states, leaving decisions on masking up to each district. New York City stopped requiring proof of vaccination to dine in restaurants or to attend most Broadway shows.

But as the country opens back up and many abandon masking, some physicians have warned that it's not as simple as returning to pre-pandemic behaviors. Millions of people infected with the virus are developing long COVID, a condition in which symptoms like brain fog, shortness of breath and dizziness can linger for weeks or months. The coronavirus has left others with increased risks of cardiovascular problems — including abnormal heart rhythms, blood clots and heart muscle inflammation — diabetes and brain issues.

And while many are resuming travel, dining indoors or attending large gatherings, some who are immune-compromised or care for an immune-suppressed loved one face a very different "new normal," one in which they feel left behind.

"There's enormous political pressure to say the pandemic is over," said Gregg Gonsalves, associate professor of epidemiology at the Yale School of Public Health. "But the idea that we're out of the woods is just not true. We're in the midst of a slowly building surge.

"There's a political imperative to put the pandemic behind us. Everybody's really tired. Everybody's really frustrated. Nobody wants to talk about this anymore. Nobody wants to think about it anymore. But wishing doesn't make it so."

'A part of us are being left behind'

For some who live with or care for people who are immunocompromised, or who themselves are immune-suppressed, the "new normal" is anything but.

Pam Hunt has been extra cautious since the pandemic hit. Her 25-year-old son, Yehoshua, has Trisomy 13, also known as Patau syndrome, a genetic disorder that can cause seizures, decreased muscle tone, intellectual disabilities and skeletal abnormalities, among other conditions.

Yehoshua is deaf and blind, has cognitive disabilities and relies on the use of a wheelchair, his mother said.

"He's just an amazing young man," she said. "He wasn't supposed to live to be a year old. So to know that he's going to celebrate 26 years next month, that's an accomplishment."

Keeping her son safe from COVID-19 means forgoing get-togethers with family and friends, talking to visitors from their cars, skipping activities like the movies, and limiting trips out of the home to what's necessary, such as doctor appointments or grocery store runs.

"It's not so much I'm afraid for myself; I'm afraid that I might bring something back here," said Hunt, a breast cancer survivor who lives in Norwich. Along with the other risks, Yehoshua relies on his sense of touch and smell, and some COVID patients have lost their sense of smell.

As many people stop wearing masks and resume pre-pandemic outings, Hunt said she feels forgotten.

"It's like there's a part of us that are being left behind, because the majority of people are quote-unquote normal and healthy, can just get up and go, and kind of live life in this new normal," she said. "But then there's so many of us who don't have that luxury."

To Hunt, the message seems to be, "We got to go with the majority, and the majority of people can handle this new normal. This is for the good of 'the more.' ... 'We're going on with life and the world's going on. And hopefully one day you can rejoin us, but if not, good luck.'"

Kayle Hill takes medication for rheumatoid arthritis that suppresses her immune system. Hill, an advocate for Connecticut's disability community, doesn't believe the state is doing enough to address the latest COVID surge, which has left her uneasy when going about routine errands.

Hill said she's not expecting a reinstatement of universal mask mandates, but she would prefer to see masking requirements in places such as public transportation, grocery stores and government buildings — areas that people with disabilities and others at high risk of COVID complications cannot always avoid.

"I have to go to the post office sometimes. And, you know, it might as well be the same thing as not having a ramp outside for a wheelchair user," she said. "It makes it unsafe and makes me unable to enter the building."

'No one wishes they got COVID'

While a lot of attention has been paid to hospitalizations and deaths as major consequences of the virus, another threat looms: long COVID-19.

The condition is more prevalent than many might think, and its pervasiveness undercuts the idea that the risks of COVID-19 are waning.

Across the U.S., some studies estimate 10% to 30% of coronavirus cases result in long COVID. Others put the number higher; authors of a Penn State College of Medicine study say more than half of people who had the disease develop the condition.

In Connecticut, physicians treating these patients say 5% to 30% of infections here have led to long COVID-19.

For many, it is debilitating. Symptoms like shortness of breath, fatigue, brain fog, headaches, cardiac and central nervous system problems, cognitive dysfunction and musculoskeletal issues can last for weeks or even months. Some patients have chronic pain.

And there's currently no cure and no definitive way to treat or prevent the condition.

"I can tell you that the people who are suffering with long COVID wish they hadn't gotten COVID," said Dr. Andaleeb Shariff, primary care clinical lead for Hartford HealthCare's COVID Recovery Center. "No one wishes they got COVID, but long COVID doesn't have a treatment. It doesn't have a cure. It's unrelenting for many people. And it's distressing. It's upsetting when I see my patients get it."

> ***"There's a political imperative to put the pandemic behind us. Everybody's really tired. ... Nobody wants to think about it anymore. But wishing doesn't make it so."***
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> *— Gregg Gonsalves, associate professor of epidemiology at the Yale School of Public Health*

Long COVID occurs in people with a confirmed or probable case of the virus who develop lingering symptoms, and for whom no other diagnosis can explain the symptoms. Those symptoms typically last four weeks or longer.

Health officials say the condition can grow out of severe or mild cases of the virus. It can even affect some who initially had no COVID symptoms.

For some people, the symptoms come and go without explanation. Others have suffered consistently since their diagnosis. And still others have seen symptoms stop abruptly, either because of a vaccination, a booster shot or another reason.

Since Hartford HealthCare launched its long COVID recovery center in October 2020, it has seen 1,778 patients. But many more may not know what care options are available, may not know their condition is considered long COVID or may not have sought care. The center connects patients with doctors in a range of specialties to address a constellation of ailments.

Shariff and her colleagues recommend vaccination and boosting against the virus because even though breakthrough infections occur, "we have anecdotally seen less cases of long COVID in people who are vaccinated."

"The key with long COVID that we really see is, regardless of what symptomatology they have, it's really impacting their everyday function," Shariff said. "We're seeing new musculoskeletal [problems], we're seeing cardiac concerns and central nervous system issues that people are presenting with that they either never had, or that they might have had in the past that completely resolved and are now re-manifesting themselves."

Even in people who don't develop long COVID, the risk of future health problems can increase. Studies have shown that some people who have had COVID-19 are at higher risk for heart attack, stroke, heart failure and other conditions post infection.

"The concern isn't just contracting long COVID, it's COVID itself," Shariff said. "There are [about] 300 people admitted to the hospital with COVID. It's not disappeared. And I don't actually understand what the definition of 'new normal' is because I don't really know if I want this to be the new normal."

Calculating risk

Lamont is not the only state or federal leader to use the phrases "post pandemic" and "new normal." Even Dr. Anthony Fauci, President Joe Biden's chief medical adviser, recently told PBS NewsHour that the U.S. was "out of the pandemic phase," before later revising his statement to say the country had moved beyond the "acute stage of the pandemic phase" and adding, "There's no doubt this pandemic is still ongoing."

The U.S. just marked the grim milestone of 1 million American COVID-19 deaths and cases are rising in many states.

As restrictions fall away, state and federal officials have put a strong emphasis on personal responsibility and assessing personal risk when navigating the current surge. But how does someone calculate personal risk?

To Dr. Manisha Juthani, Connecticut's public health commissioner, that means utilizing available tools such as vaccines, booster shots, masks and antiviral medications.

Last week, six counties — Hartford, New Haven, Middlesex, Litchfield, Tolland, and Windham — moved into the high transmission level of community spread, as labeled by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Counties are deemed high transmission when they have reported more than 100 cases for every 100,000 residents during the past week.

"Particularly in these counties, we are recommending mask wearing," Juthani said.

"Given where we are now, two and a half years into this pandemic, with vaccines, with therapeutics, with immunity that people have developed either through vaccines or through natural infection, the chances of declaring another public health emergency, in my opinion, are much lower."

At this point, Juthani said, people need to balance their mental health and physical health and reflect on "what they can personally cope with."

"If it was just purely a question of, is it good to get COVID over and over? The clear answer is no," she said. "And I would highly recommend that people consider each of these risks at various different times. ... On the flip side, I know people who have not gotten COVID yet, who are still living in quite a lot of anxiety and fear over getting COVID. And I think that's also not healthy, because I don't think that kind of anxiety and fear is really useful to overall well-being.

"So it's really trying to find that happy medium, in balancing all of these things as we move forward with this pandemic."

Aircraft

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ment of hypersonic aircraft and propulsion systems.

Maj. Gen. Heather Pringle, commander of the Air Force Research Laboratory, said at the time that hypersonic aircraft and propulsion systems are "truly game-changing and will revolutionize how we travel, just as automobiles did in the last century."

The engagement with Hermeus is part of a larger effort to advance the commercial resurgence of high-speed passenger travel, the Air Force said. The initiative intends to seek out commercial partners to accelerate development and advance technologies that could provide the Air Force with options for a variety of missions.

RTX Ventures focuses on supporting companies developing technologies emphasizing four broad priority areas: secure and connected ecosystems, autonomy and artificial intelligence, power and propulsion systems and precision sensing and effects.

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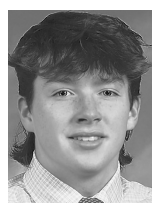
Shelton police ID teen victim in fatal stabbing

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

Shelton police on Monday identified the victim of a fatal stabbing as a local teenager, a student at Fairfield College Preparatory School who was on the football and lacrosse teams.

James McGrath, 17, was pronounced dead on Sunday after an incident late Saturday on Laurel Glen Drive, police said. Officers responding to a report of fighting and a stabbing found numerous teenagers outside a home. McGrath and three others had been stabbed, police said. The other victims were being treated at an area hospital.



McGrath

"The Fairfield Prep Community mourns the loss of junior Jimmy McGrath and we extend our deepest sympathies to the McGrath family," school officials said in a prepared statement.

"Jimmy was a beloved student and athlete on the football and lacrosse teams and will forever be a member of the Prep Brotherhood," the school said.

More than 1,000 people gathered at a private prayer service on campus Sunday, followed by a schoolwide service Monday morning where school president Christian Cashman addressed students, faculty and staff.

"I offer once again Prep's loving condolence and embrace of the McGrath family," Cashman said. "May the spirit of healing, peace and love enfold them, and may we be instruments of peace and healing in the days ahead. May God bless Jimmy McGrath, Class of 2023, forever a Man for Others, forever a Son of Fairfield Prep."

In the coming days, students and faculty have the support of the school's leadership team, Jesuit priests, campus ministers, counselors from Prep and Fairfield University "to offer help while grieving this tragic loss," the school said.

Anyone with information on the stabbings is asked to contact Shelton detectives at 203-924-1544.

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James McGrath played football and lacrosse at Fairfield College Preparatory School.
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One man killed, another wounded in Hartford

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

An East Hartford man was shot and killed and another man was shot and wounded Sunday in Hartford, police said.

Police identified the deceased victim as Jaime Holmes, 30, of 380 Park Ave.

Officers responded to the area of Washington Street at New Britain Avenue about 2:50 p.m. on a report of a person shot, department spokesman Lt. Aaron Boisvert said. Police found a man who was shot and wounded inside 451 Washington St. Boisvert said. The victim, also age 30, was in critical condition, Boisvert said.

While providing aid to that man, officers were alerted to a second victim inside the building and found Holmes in a third-floor apartment, police said. Boisvert could not be reached immediately Monday about how the shootings might be related.

Detectives are investigating and anyone with information is asked to call the police tip line at 860-722-TIPS (8477).

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Three residents accused of unemployment fraud

Allegedly stole more than $80,000 in COVID-19 assistance

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

Three Connecticut residents have been charged with stealing more than $80,000 in COVID-19-related unemployment assistance, state officials said Monday.

Otis D. Paramore, 43, and Christine DeBiase, 39, both of Branford, and Gloria DeBiase, 75, of Stratford, took advantage of an overwhelmed system meant to help people who had lost jobs due to the coronavirus pandemic, state authorities said.

The arrests last week followed an investigation by the Office of the Chief State's Attorney of a complaint to the state Department of Labor. Paramore and Christina DeBiase collected $68,541 in unemployment benefits by filing false claims under their own names and the names of Paramore's deceased father and deceased grandparents, authorities said. Paramore and Christina DeBiase also are accused of assisting Gloria DeBiase in filing false unemployment claims totaling $11,268. In addition, Christina DeBiase defrauded the Connecticut Department of Labor out of a weekly dependent allowance totaling $600, officials said. Officials did not describe the relationship between the women.

Paramore and Christina DeBiase are each charged with multiple counts of unemployment fraud, identity theft and first-degree larceny. Gloria DeBiase is charged with unemployment fraud and first-degree larceny. Released on a promise to appear, Paramore is scheduled to appear in New Britain Superior Court on May 24. Both Christina and Gloria DeBiase were released on promises to appear in court on Thursday.

The Statewide Prosecution Bureau in the Chief State's Attorney's Office works with state labor officials to identify, investigate and prosecute fraud in the unemployment compensation program. The unemployment fraud prosecution unit, announced on May 18, 2021, also works to return stolen funds to the unemployment system and deter future fraud.

"These arrests are the result of significant collaborative efforts by our two agencies," Deputy Chief State's Attorney of Operations Kevin D. Lawlor said. "By working together, both agencies are beginning to hold accountable those who allegedly took advantage of an unemployment benefit system that was overwhelmed by the COVID-19 pandemic."

"The federal pandemic unemployment programs were critical for unemployed workers," Labor Commissioner Danté Bartolomeo said, "but in labor agencies across the country, these programs also triggered a significant increase in criminal activity like identity theft and false claims. This partnership with law enforcement is key to ensuring those who tried to defraud the system are held accountable for their actions and funding is returned to the public coffers."

In March 2020, in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The CARES Act created multiple temporary federal unemployment insurance programs which were administered by the state labor department. Since March 2020, the labor agency has received more than 1.5 million applications, state officials said.

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Castle

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tors have come from.

In Gillette's day, the castle had many esteemed visitors. "Charlie Chaplin, Albert Einstein, Calvin Coolidge, lots of others, they all came to visit him," Wilkinson said.

Gillette, a descendant of Connecticut Colony founder Thomas Hooker, was born in Hartford in 1853. He grew up in Nook Farm, most famous as the neighborhood of Harriet Beecher Stowe and Mark Twain. He pursued a stage career. Starting in 1899, with the permission of Sherlock Holmes' creator Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Gillette specialized in Holmes.

Over 1,300 performances in the course of 33 years as the fictional detective — originating Holmes' now-legendary deerstalker cap, Inverness cape, curved pipe and magnifying glass — Gillette became one of the most famous and wealthy actors in the country and established the template for every Sherlock Holmes actor ever since.

It wasn't just Gillette's acting that made him successful, Wilkinson said. "He figured out that if he wrote, produced and starred in the plays, all the dollars would come to him," she said. "He was the first authentic interpreter of Sherlock Holmes. It was a great mix of Holmes, a fascinating character, and Gillette, who had an amazing presence."

Gillette designed the quirky castle himself. Construction began in 1914. He moved in in 1919. He called his home the "Seventh Sister Estate" in recognition of a series of hills in the area. The widower lived there alone, with his cats, until his death in 1937. The house and its 122 acres, which included a small railroad, was bequeathed to relatives.

In 1943, the property became a state park, administered collaboratively by the state and the Connecticut Forest and Park Association. It opened to the public in 1944. A little cottage on the property was home to Yukitaka Osaki, Gillette's right-hand man, who lived there until his death in 1942. That building also is facing restoration in the future.

Gillette Castle, 67 River Road in East Haddam, is open for interior visitors from May 28 to Labor Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The last entry is at 3 p.m. Admission is $6, $2 ages 6 to 12, 5 and younger free. Only the first floor is ADA accessible, and only 12 people are allowed in every 15 minutes. The grounds around the castle are open daily year-round from 8 a.m. to sunset. gillettecastlefriends.org.

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John "Jack" Hine, Park and Recreation supervisor at Gillette Castle State Park in East Haddam, shows off the castle's conservatory, which was recently revamped as part of extensive renovations made to the iconic home of William Gillette. **CLOE POISSON PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Gillette Castle has undergone extensive renovations, including a new sign greeting visitors near the entrance to the castle.

Police

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opposed what is now the state's police accountability law, which was passed in 2020 in the wake of the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis. The law mandated that all officers wear body cameras, banned chokeholds in most cases, created a new independent inspector general to investigate officers' deadly use of force, restricted vehicle searches and expanded municipal civilian review boards statewide, among other provisions.

"The police accountability bill recently passed by the legislature will not only better protect the public's constitutional rights, but also protects our law enforcement officers with a number of reforms, including improvements to recruitment, training, ongoing mental health screening and continued immunity from personal liability when acting in good faith as part of their job," House Speaker Joe Aresimowicz, D-Berlin, said at the time.

Many police officers, however, have said the law will hobble proactive policing and expose officers to financial ruin and hostile scrutiny from clueless review panels. The most controversial provision included changes to what's known as qualified immunity, making it easier for people to file lawsuits against officers, departments and towns. Supporters of the law have noted that officers would only be held liable for "malicious, wanton or willful" acts, but police say they have no trust in the process and fear baseless complaints will succeed. Union leaders and department command staff have said more colleagues planned to leave the profession because of the law.

A survey released in June last year by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), a national independent research organization, found that law enforcement agencies reported an overall 18% increase in the resignation rate in 2020-21, compared to 2019-20. The reduction in hiring, however, was relatively modest, with a 5% overall decrease in the hiring rate among responding departments. Smaller agencies actually saw an increase in hiring, while larger departments experienced dramatic reductions, PERF reported.

The survey, however, also found a 45% increase in the retirement rate. In smaller departments, a small number of retirements may result in a high percentage increase in the retirement rate, but even in the largest agencies, with 500 or more officers, the retirement rate increased by 27%, according to PERF.

Median pay for a police officer in the U.S. is $66,020 per year, or $31.74 per hour, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Employment of police officers and detectives is projected to grow 7% from 2020-30, about as fast as the average for all occupations, according to the agency.

The WalletHub study considered income and benefits along with rates of violent crime and property crime. In 2020, Connecticut's overall violent crime rate per 100,000 people was 181.6, a decrease from 184.6 in 2019, the FBI reported. Only Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont had lower rates. Nationally, the property crime rate declined 8% to 1,958.2 offenses per 100,000 people. Connecticut's rate, however, rose from 1,432 in 2019 to 1,565.1, higher than 14 other states, including Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Hampshire and New Jersey.

The study also considered training requirements around de-escalation, mental health, substance abuse and behavioral disorders. Eastern Connecticut State University Police Chief Steven Tavares, a retired Bristol police captain, said WalletHub's top ranking "indicates the efforts aimed to put the best trained officers into the community to work with the community are paying off."

"I'm pleased to see this number one ranking and hope this news will draw more people of all backgrounds, but especially Black and brown members of our communities, to consider a career as a law enforcement officer in Connecticut," Tavares said.

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Lamont

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Voter #6: I think he tells it like it is.

Voter #3: I was just really pleased with the way that he handled the pandemic.

Voter #7: I'm a Republican, but Ned Lamont has my vote.

Voter #8: Lamont gets sh*t done!

The statement by the final supporter stunned the woman standing next to him, prompting him to say, "What?"

Lewis said the final supporter simply blurted out the statement that ends the commercial.

"He was totally candid," Lewis said. "My understanding was it was him being him."

The commercials were filmed by SKDK, a well-known political consulting firm in New York that was formerly known as SKD Knickerbocker. The firm has helped numerous Democratic politicians, including Joe Biden, Barack Obama, and Andrew Cuomo, as well as organizations including Planned Parenthood.

Lewis could not say whether a longer version of the commercial would be released in the future.

"I know we have a lot of great footage that we're probably going to try and use as we can'" he said.

In somewhat similar fashion, Stefanowski kicked off a $1 million television ad campaign that included various tributes by supporters that included Stamford firefighter and anti-toll advocate Patrick Sasser.

Stefanowski, who lost by 3 percentage points to Lamont in 2018, has been reintroducing himself for months to Connecticut voters with largely biographical information in the commercials. He unveiled 15-second, 30-second, and 1-minute versions of the commercials that were cut from a broader video crafted for his announcement in his second run for the office.

Stefanowski started his ad campaign in late January, prompting Lamont to counter earlier than some had expected.

Lamont has already spent more than $40 million of his own money in three statewide races in 2006, 2010, and 2018. He is expected to spend millions more this year to keep his current position.

After a highly successful business career, Stefanowski has pledged to spend $10 million of his own money this year. But he is still holding fundraisers, including a major event next month with New Hampshire Republican Gov. Chris Sununu that has a maximum ticket price of $3,500 each.

As part of his initial TV package, Stefanowski reached out to a broader spectrum of voters by unveiling a 30-second commercial in Spanish. He purchased air time on Telemundo and on Univision — two well-known Spanish language networks.

Stefanowski, who turns 60 on May 21, is trying to break a 15-year losing streak by Republicans in major races in Connecticut. In 2006, then-Gov. M. Jodi Rell and then-U.S. Rep. Chris Shays of Bridgeport both won reelection. But Shays lost in the Democratic wave that swept in Obama as president in 2008, and no Connecticut Republican has won a seat for Congress, governor or other statewide office since then.

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Orphaned bear cubs will go to wildlife recovery site

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

Two bear cubs that were orphaned after an off-duty police officer shot and killed their mother in Newtown have drawn so much attention that the animals will have to be captured and sent to a wildlife rehabilitator, a spokesman for the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection said.

A DEEP crew and local officials found the cubs in a wooded area Sunday evening and they appeared to be in good health, DEEP spokesman Will Healey said.

However, wildlife officials are concerned about the young bears' safety "due to the risk of continued public interaction," Healey said. The bears have become a focus and a cause for many people after their mother was killed on Thursday. Details of the shooting have not been released, but Ridgefield Police Chief Jeff Kreitz confirmed Monday that a Ridgefield police officer "was involved in an off-duty incident in which a bear was shot and killed." Kreitz referred all other questions to state authorities.

DEEP wildlife staff will try to capture the bears on Monday and take them to a rehabilitator, Healey said.

"DEEP wildlife biologists will be making every effort to make this process as smooth as possible for the cubs," he said, urging people to stay away from the animals.

Initially, DEEP officials said they wanted the bears to stay in their home range with no interference as it was their best chance for survival. The area reportedly had plenty of food and good habitat.

At the same time, however, the Humane Society, Town First Selectman Dan Rosenthal and others called for the cubs to be taken to a wildlife rehabilitation organization.

Multiple social media posts identified the dead animal as Bobbi, a well-known bear in Newtown. Two Facebook pages have been launched — Bobbi the Bear #217 and Save Bobbi's Cubs.

Rosenthal said he was "heartbroken over the loss of the bear and the orphaning of the cubs." While he could not comment on the active investigation, Rosenthal said he was lobbying DEEP to get the cubs to a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation organization.

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Hearing delayed for man who faces charges in mom's death at sea

Associated Press

RUTLAND, Vt. — A Vermont man charged with killing his mother at sea to inherit the family's estate will remain in custody, after his bail hearing was postponed for at least two months.

Nathan Carman's hearing, slated for Monday, was postponed Friday for at least 60 days by U.S. District Judge Geoffrey Crawford of Vermont, The Boston Globe reported.

Lawyers appointed to represent the 28-year-old Vernon, Vermont resident had sought an indefinite postponement of the hearing to conduct their own investigation and interview potential witness, the newspaper said.

Crawford said defense lawyers could seek more time beyond 60 days if needed. That means Carman, for now, will remain in custody.

Prosecutors have argued he should remain detained while he awaits trial because he poses a flight risk and is a danger to the community.

Carmen pleaded not guilty last week to multiple fraud charges and first-degree murder in the 2016 death of his mother, Linda Carman of Middletown.

Carman was found in an inflatable raft off the coast of Massachusetts eight days after leaving a Rhode Island marina to go fishing with his mother, who was never found.

Authorities allege Carman also killed his grandfather, John Chakalos, at his home in Windsor in 2013 as part of a scheme to obtain money and property from his grandfather's estate, but he was not charged with that killing.

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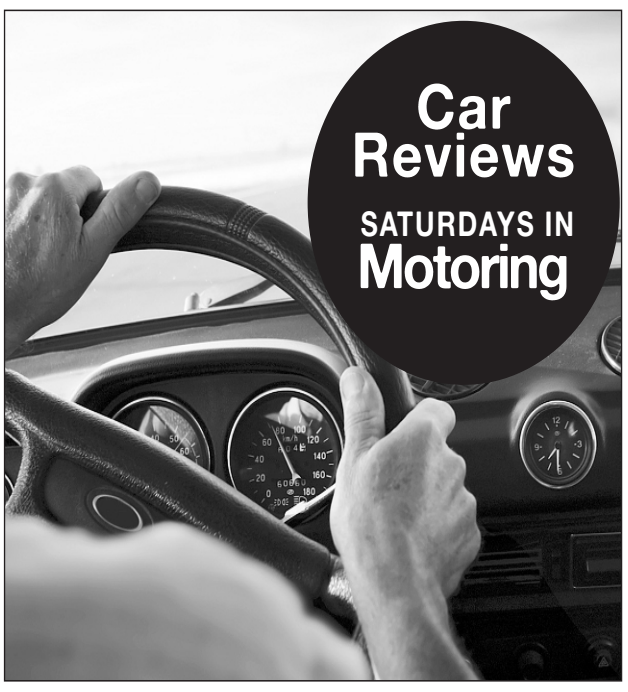

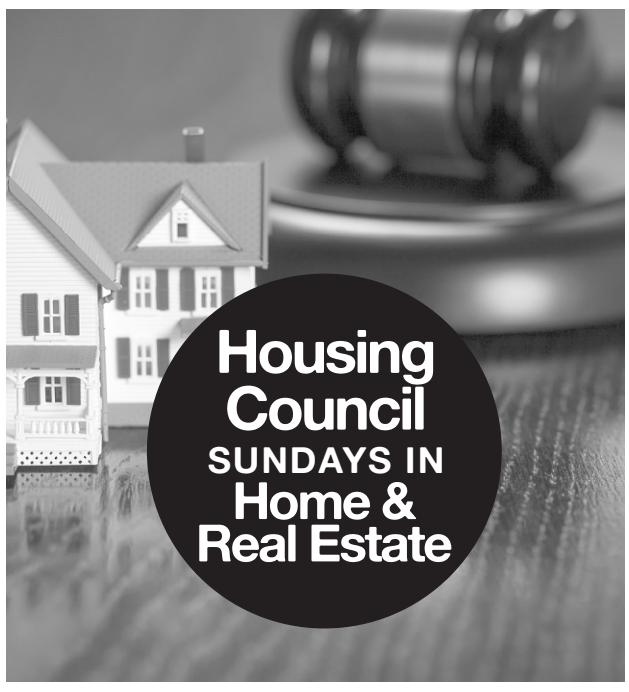

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
COUNCIL OFFICE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, at a Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown, held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 6:00 PM, the budget, prepared and adopted by the Water Pollution Control Authority for the Water Department of the City of Middletown for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, as advertised in the Hartford Courant on April 13, 2022, was approved and adopted, as amended;

5000-60000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000 WATER: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PERM
14000-14850-01 ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER -29,156

TOTAL NET DECREASE IN FUND 5000 WATER -29,156

5000-60000-44715-0000-00000-0000-000 WATER: SERVICE CHARGES -29,156

TOTAL NET DECREASE IN FUND 5000 WATER -29,156

that the rate of water use charges as adopted by the Water Pollution Control Authority and approved by the Common Council on May 2, 2022 shall be due and payable effective July 1, 2022; and that the Tax Collector, be, and she is hereby authorized to collect said water charges.

ATTEST:
LINDA S.K. REED
COUNCIL CLERK

Dated at Middletown, Connecticut, this 17th May 2022
5/17/2022 7211256

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
MAYOR'S OFFICE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, at a Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 6:00 PM, the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 was approved and adopted with the following amendments:

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN - EXPENDITURES
COUNCIL ADJUSTMENTS TO BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING 2023

01000 MAYOR

51215 SALARIES & WAGES, PT PERM

1000-01000-51215-0011-00000-0000-000 ARTS: SALARY & WAGES, PT PERM
1 ADMINISTRATIVE ASST 19,999
NET INCREASE - SALARIES & WAGES, PT PERM 19,999
NET INCREASE - MAYOR 19,999
03500 COMPUTERS/TELECOMMUNICATIONS

59500 CNR CONTRIBUTION

1000-03500-59500-0000-00000-0000-000 IT: CAPITAL NON-RECURRING
8 VOICE GATEWAYS 13 REPLACEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS 70,000
14 BOX CLOUD STORAGE 53,000
NET INCREASE - CNR CONTRIBUTION 123,000
NET INCREASE - COMPUTERS/TELECOMMUNICATIONS 123,000
22000 PUBLIC WORKS

51340 OVERTIME

1000-22000-51340-0320-00000-0000-000 PARKS: MISCELLANEOUS OVERTIME
1 FIELD MAINT/OPEN & CLOSE 5,000
7 SKATING RINK OVERTIME 3,000
8 NUTMEG GAMES 20,000
NET INCREASE - OVERTIME 28,000

53100 GENERAL SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT

1000-22000-53100-0320-00000-0000-000 PARKS: GENERAL SPECIALIZED EQUI
5 SEED, FERTILIZER, MULCH, SOIL, SAND, PEAT 20,000
NET INCREASE - GENERAL SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT 20,000
53510 GENERAL VEHICLE SERVICES

1000-22000-53510-0320-00000-0000-000 PARKS: VEHICLE SERVICES
1 EQUIPMENT PARTS, REPAIRS 10,000
2 TIRES, RIMS, TUBES 10,000
NET INCREASE - GENERAL VEHICLE SERVICES 20,000
53530 TIRES

1000-22000-53530-0225-00000-0000-000 GARAGE: TIRES
1 TIRES FOR FLEET 15,000
NET INCREASE - TIRES 15,000
55475 TREE SERVICE

1000-22000-55475-0226-00000-0000-000 HWAY: TREE SERVICE
4 MAROMAS CEMETERY TREE REMOVAL ..... -40,000
NET DECREASE - TREE SERVICE -40,000
NET INCREASE - PUBLIC WORKS 43,000
26500 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

59200 GRANT

1000-26500-59200-0709-00000-0000-000 LAND_USE: AGRICULTURAL GRANTS
1 140,344

1000-26500-59200-0730-00000-0000-000 OLD BURY: GRANT
1 OLD BURYING GROUNDS ..... -5,000
NET INCREASE - GRANT 135,344
NET INCREASE - HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES 135,344
32000 REC & COMMUNITY SERVICES

53380 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE TO BUILDIN

1000-32000-53380-0321-00000-0000-000 RECR: REPAIR/MAINTENANCE TO BUI
1 BUILDING MATERIALS 3,000
2 WATER AND SEWER 6,280
3 MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES 15,000
4 MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT 365
5 MIDDLETOWN FIRE ALARMS FEE 250
6 CARPET CLEANING 450
7 REPAIRS 2,000
8 CHLORINE/POOL SUPPLIES 10,000
9 POOL REPAIRS 5,000
NET INCREASE - REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE TO BUILDI 42,345
55185 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

1000-32000-55185-0321-00000-0000-000 RECR: CONTRACTURAL SERVICES
2 FIRE SUPPRESSION 1,200
3 WASTE REMOVAL 3,000
4 PEST CONTROL 1,300
5 CLEANING SUPPLIES 4,250
6 CABLE/WIFI 5,600
7 POOL CHEMICALS 500
NET INCREASE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES 15,850
NET INCREASE - REC & COMMUNITY SERVICES 58,195
33000 EDUCATION

57010 EDUCATION CONTRIBUTION
1000-33000-57010-0000-00000-0000-000 EDUCATION CONTRIBUTION
1 2,800,000
NET INCREASE - EDUCATION CONTRIBUTION 2,800,000
NET INCREASE - EDUCATION 2,800,000
TOTAL NET INCREASE IN FUND 1000 GENERAL FUND 3,179,538

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN - PERSONAL SERVICES
COUNCIL ADJUSTMENTS TO BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING 2023

Account	Account Description	Position	Position Description	Change
1000-03000-51110-0030-00000-0000-000	FIN: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PERM	03000-08000-01	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	-6,407
1000-03000-51110-0033-00000-0000-000	COLL: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PERM	08000-99998-01	SALARY RESERVE	45,942
1000-05000-51110-0050-00000-0000-000	OGC: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PERM	05000-10310-01	GENERAL COUNSEL	-6,407
1000-14000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000	LAND USE: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PE	14000-14850-01	ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER	58,313
1000-18000-51110-0180-00000-0000-000	POLICE: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PERM	18000-19800-02	SOCIAL DEVELPMNT SPECIALIST***	50,794
1000-22000-51110-0220-00000-0000-000	PW ADMIN: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PE	22000-16201-01	SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR****	54,579

TOTAL NET INCREASE IN FUND 1000 GENERAL FUND 196,814

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN - REVENUES
COUNCIL ADJUSTMENTS TO BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING 2023

1000-03000-41110-0033-00000-0000-000 COLL: TAXES-REAL ESTATE/MOTOR VEH
151,351
1000-03000-43111-0030-00000-0000-000 FIN: STATE MV TAX CAP REIMB
1
1000-03000-49030-0030-00000-0000-000 FIN: FUND BAL BUDGET CONTRIB
3,225,000
TOTAL NET INCREASE IN FUND 1000 GENERAL FUND
3,376,352

That the mill rate be set as 35.7 to cover this budget, and said rate shall be due and payable in two (2) equal installments on July 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023, in accordance with the Charter of the City of Middletown, Chapter VI; and that the Tax Collector is authorized to collect said taxes
ATTEST:

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LINDA S.K. REED
Common Council Clerk
Dated at Middletown, Connecticut, this 17th day of May 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belongingto those individuals listed below at the location indicated:
2 Douglas St
Bloomfield, CT 06002
Wednesday, June 1st, 2022 IPM
1016- Genneta Brightly- 3-4 Bedroom Household.
1040- Micheal Atkinson- T.V, Component Set, tools , Bike
1057- James Grier- Pillows, Decorative Fabrics and Clothes…
1109- Coretta Gatling- Household Items, Furniture
1445- Garrott Harris- Clothes, Bed, Tv's, Light Furniture, Dining Room Table, Shelving
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in orderto complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
5/17, 5/24/2022 7210054

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
COUNCIL OFFICE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, at a Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown, held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 6:00 PM, the budget of the Sanitation Collection district for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, as presented by the Mayor and advertised in the Hartford Courant on April 13, 2022, was approved and adopted.

ATTEST:
LINDA S.K. REED
COUNCIL CLERK
Dated at Middletown, Connecticut, this 17th day of May, 2022
5/17/2022 7211320

NOTICE OF DECISIONS
MIDDLETOWN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 4, 2022

Approved with conditions a re-subdivision of the existing property at the end of Talia's Trail into 6 lots and construction of 6 single family homes and extension of existing road and new cul-de-sac. Applicant/Agent Sunwood Development Corporation, Permit # 2022-2.

Joseph Carta, Chairman
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
_____
P.O. No. 2003-01283, Account No. 067419

The above legal notice to appear in the Hartford Courant ONCE
Saturday, May 14, 2022

5/17/22 7209905

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
COUNCIL OFFICE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, at a Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown, held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 6:00 PM, the Business Improvement District budget and mill rate on the assessed value of taxable real estate property within the district for fiscal year 2022-2023, as set by the Business Improvement District Board of Commissioners in accordance with the ordinance, Sec. 272-14, Subparagraph G, 2.18 mills to cover this budget, was approved and adopted, including that said rate shall be due and payable in two (2) equal installments on July 1, 2022, and January 1, 2023, in accordance with the Ordinance Section 272-14 Subparagraph G, 2 (a) of the City of Middletown, and that the Tax Collector is authorized to collect said taxes.

ATTEST:
LINDA S.K. REED
COUNCIL CLERK
Dated at Middletown, Connecticut, this 17th day of May, 2022
5/17/2022 7211312

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
COUNCIL OFFICE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, at a Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 6:00 PM, the Middletown Fire District Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, as prepared by the Mayor and advertised in the Hartford Courant on April 13, 2022, was approved and adopted with the following amendments;

2010-50000-41110-0500-00000-0000-000 FIRE: TAXES-REAL ESTATE/MOTOR VEH -1
2010-50000-43111-0500-00000-0000-000 FIRE: STATE REIMB MV TAX CAP 1

TOTAL NET DECREASE IN FUND 2010 FIRE

that the mill rate be set as 8.3 to cover this budget and said rate shall be due and payable in two (2) equal installments on July 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023, in accordance with the Charter of the City of Middletown, Chapter VI; and that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to collect said taxes.

ATTEST:
LINDA S.K. REED
COUNCIL CLERK

Dated at Middletown, Connecticut, this 17th day of May 2022
5/17/2022 7211299

City of Bristol, Connecticut
INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the Purchasing Department for the City of Bristol, Connecticut is accepting bid proposals on the following:

2022-086 Kiln Equipment; bids due May 31, 2022 at 11:00 am
2022-087 Musical Instruments; bids due May 31, 2022 at 1:00 pm
2022-088 Theatre Dress Forms; bids due May 31, 2022 at 1:30 pm

Proposal submissions will be accepted by the Purchasing Department until the date and time noted above; submissions received after this date and time will not be considered. Interested firms are required to submit one original copy via digital media of the proposal to Roger Rousseau, Purchasing Agent, no later than the date and time noted above. Submissions may be made via email, shared file service, or USB drive delivered to the address noted below; the City does not assume responsibility for failure of submissions to be received by the City by the date and time noted above.

The successful bidder shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, gender, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, or national origin.

Plans and specifications can be obtained online at the website below, or by contacting:

City of Bristol Purchasing Department
111 North Main St, Bristol, CT 06010
Tel (860) 584-6195
Email purchasing@bristolct.gov
http://www.bristolct.gov/bids
5/17/2022 7210733

LEGAL NOTICE
BRISTOL, CT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that at the May 10, 2022 City Council meeting amendments to the Bristol Code of Ordinances were adopted as follows, effective May 27, 2022:

·Sec. 6-34 to Sec. 6-35 regarding changes in the voting districts and boundaries.

News publication of the complete text of the Ordinances are dispensed with due to their length. Copies are available for public distribution at the City Clerk's Office during office hours.

ATTEST:
Therese Pac
Town and City Clerk

5/13,5/17/22 7209236

Bristol, Connecticut
Invitation to Bid 2C22-084
Installation of Air Conditioning and Replacement of the Emergency Generator at Firehouse 2

The City of Bristol is seeking bids for installation of air conditioning and replacement of the emergency generator at Firehouse 2, located at 151 Hill Street, Bristol CT. Bid documents may be obtained for a $30.00 nonrefundable fee payable to QuestCDN by downloading from the web site via the following link: https://www.bristolct.gov/Bids.aspx?BidID=1118

Bids will be accepted until June 6, 2022 at 1:00 pm via the online electronic bidding system through QuestCDN.com. Bids received after the opening date and time will not be considered for award. The City reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bid, to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that in its judgment is in its best interest.

A mandatory prebid meeting will be held at the project site on May 25, 2022 at 9:00am. Bids from firms not in attendance will not be considered for award.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of 10% of the bidders base bid amount, in the form of a Bid Bond made payable to the City of Bristol.

The awarded contractor will be required to secure a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Bond, each in the amount of 100% of the contract award, provided by a surety licensed to do business in the State of Connecticut.

The successful Bidder shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, gender, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, or national origin.

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Invitation to Bid 2C22-082
Orchard Street Sidewalk Replacement

The City of Bristol is seeking bids for sidewalk improvements in Bristol's low income areas, specifically on Orchard Street. The project funding is provided through the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program via the Economic and Community Development Department ("ECD"). Bid documents may be obtained for a $30.00 fee payable to QuestCDN by downloading from the QuestCDN web site via the following link: https://www.bristolct.gov/Bids.aspx?BidID=1114

Bids will be accepted until May 31, 2022 at 3:00 pm via the online electronic bidding system through QuestCDN.com.

Bids received after the opening date and time will not be considered for award. The City reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bid, to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that in its judgment is in its best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of 10% of the bidders base bid amount, in the form of a Bid Bond made payable to the City of Bristol.

Firms submitting bids must be prequalified with the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services ("DAS") to perform concrete and/or sitework, and shall include with their bid a copy of a current certificate as issued by DAS. Additionally, any contractor or subcontractor performing any work on this contract must be pre-qualified with DAS to perform said services, and shall include with their bid a copy of a current certificate as issued by DAS.

Interested bidders are advised that award of contracts are limited to entities registered to do business with the federal government through the System for Award Management ("SAM"). For further information, please visit the Government Contract Registration Center online via the following web link:
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The awarded contractor will be required to secure a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Bond, each in the amount of 100% of the contract award, provided by a surety licensed to do business in the State of Connecticut. The requirements for prevailing wage rates as outlined within G.G.S. 31-53 are to apply to the resultant contract award.

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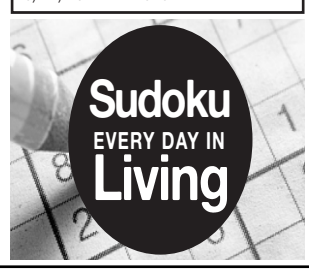

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LEGAL NOTICE
BRISTOL, CT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Sec. 21(f) of the City Charter, a public hearing is scheduled by the Ordinance Committee of the City Council, duly authorized, on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Bristol Library, 5 High Street, Bristol, CT on the following proposed amendments to the Bristol Code of Ordinances.

· Sec. 2-15, Flag flying policy – To create a flag policy for the City of Bristol.

News publication of the complete text of the Ordinances are dispensed with due to their length. Copies are available for public distribution at the City Clerk's Office during office hours.

ATTEST:
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Town and City Clerk
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Bristol, Connecticut
Invitation to Bid 2C22-085
Electrical Improvements and Replacement of Emergency Generator at Firehouse 5

The City of Bristol is seeking bids for electrical improvements and replacement of the emergency generator at Firehouse 5, located at 285 Mix Street, Bristol CT. Bid documents may be obtained for a $30.00 nonrefundable fee payable to QuestCDN by downloading from the web site via the following link: https://www.bristolct.gov/Bids.aspx?BidID=1119

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Request for Proposals 2P22-083
Engineering Services Relative to HVAC System Upgrades at Chippens Hill Middle School and Ellen P. Hubbell Elementary School

The City of Bristol ("the City") and its Board of Education are seeking a qualified firm to prepare construction documents toward the installation of HVAC system upgrades at Chippens Hill Middle School, located at 551 Peacedale Street, and Ellen P. Hubbell Elementary School, located at 90 West Washington Street.

Funding for these projects is made available via American Rescue Plan Act/Elementary and secondary School Emergency Relief ("ARP/ESSER") funds. All work shall assume incorporation of regulations and considerations associated with the use of said funds.

A non-mandatory pre-proposal submission site visit will be held at Chippens Hill Middle School on May 24, 2022 at 3:30pm, followed by a site visit at Hubbell Elementary School.

Proposal submission documents are available at no charge by downloading from the City of Bristol web site via the following link: https://www.bristolct.gov/Bids.aspx?BidID=1120

Proposal submissions will be accepted by the Purchasing Department until June 10, 2022 at 2:00 pm; submissions received after this date and time will not be considered. The City reserves the right to waive any informalities in any submission, to reject any and/or all submissions, and to accept the proposal that in its judgment is in its best interest. Interested firms are required to submit one original copy via digital media of the proposal to the Purchasing Department no later than the date and time noted above. Submissions may be made via email, shared file service, or USB drive; the City does not assume responsibility for failure of submissions to be received by the City by the date and time noted above.

The awarded firm will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, or national origin.

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Summer TV show premieres keep reruns at bay

Returning favorites, untested newcomers among slated series

By Nina Metz
Chicago Tribune

Caleb McLaughlin, from left, Gaten Matarazzo and Sadie Sink in "Stranger Things," which is back for a fourth season. **NETFLIX**

Steve Martin, from left, Selena Gomez and Martin Short return for season two of "Only Murders in the Building." **HULU**

Joel Kim Booster, from left, Maya Rudolph and Ron Funches are among the cast of the new comedy "Loot." **APPLE TV+**

Back when the TV season took place between autumn and spring, the summer months were awash in reruns. Streaming upended all of that for good, and here we are with new shows and new seasons premiering year-round. With that in mind, here's a look at what's to come.

'Stranger Things' (May 27 on Netflix): The series is back for season four, which is being parceled out in two installments (with the second half coming July 1). Fun fact: Netflix reportedly spent $30 million per episode. If you're wondering if that's a lot of money, it's a lot of money. Robert Englund (best known as "A Nightmare on Elm Street's" Freddy Krueger) joins the cast this time out as Victor Creel, "a disturbed and intimidating man who is imprisoned in a psychiatric hospital for a gruesome murder in the 1950s."

'The Real Housewives of Dubai' (June 1 on Bravo): As someone who has watched various incarnations of this franchise, only to finally break the habit once and for all this year, I can't exactly recommend the newest spinoff. But I am curious if it will feature the kind of public drunken shenanigans that are commonplace on "Real Housewives" shows because those antics might be frowned upon in this particular locale. According to the Associated Press, by law, non-Muslim residents are supposed to carry a permit issued by the Dubai police that allows them to "purchase, transport and consume beer, wine and liquor. Otherwise, they can face fines and arrest — even though the sheikdom's vast network of bars, nightclubs and lounges never ask to see the permit."

'All Rise' (June 7 on OWN): Canceled by CBS last year, the legal drama returns for a third season with a new home on the basic cable channel OWN. It stars the wonderfully elegant Simone Missick as an idealistic judge in Los Angeles.

'Ms. Marvel' (June 8 on Disney+): What's summer without a superhero? In Marvel's latest, New Jersey high schooler Kamala Khan (played by newcomer Iman Vellani) is a superhero superfan with a rich fantasy life that becomes a reality.

'For All Mankind' (June 10 on Apple TV+): Ronald D. Moore's alternate reality, space race drama returns for a third season. The show's premise began with a "what if?" — what if the Russians landed on the moon first? — and has jumped ahead in time ever since, with global political dynamics becoming increasingly complicated. This season everyone's focused on Mars.

'Evil' (June 12 on Paramount+): Created by Michelle and Robert King (the same duo behind "The Good Fight," which also returns with new episodes this summer), "Evil" is one of those strange curiosities — the first season aired on CBS, but then it became a streaming exclusive on Paramount+. If you're into thoughtful, freaky horror with a deeply religious tinge, "Evil" does the trick. The Catholic nun played by Andrea Martin has been upped to a regular cast member this season.

'Rutherford Falls' (June 16 on Peacock): Had this sitcom premiered on NBC rather than its streaming service Peacock, chances are it might have been the big breakout hit of the season. It's charming and legitimately funny and one of the only comedies on TV co-created and written by Indigenous writers. It centers on two lifelong friends (Ed Helms and Jana Schmieding) who see their bond tested when tensions arise between the white descendants of the settlers of Rutherford Falls and the local Indigenous tribe that's pushing back on a whitewashed version of history.

'The Old Man' (June 16 on FX): A thriller based on the Thomas Perry novel of the same name, Jeff Bridges stars as a former CIA operative whose quiet life under the radar goes kablooey when an assassin tries to take him out. John Lithgow and Alia Shawkat also star.

'Loot' (June 24 on Apple TV+): A new workplace comedy starring Maya Rudolph and Michaela Jae Rodriguez, with the latter coming off her Emmy-nominated role in "Pose"? Yes, please. Rudolph plays a billionaire whose pampered world spirals out of control when her marriage of 20 years goes kaput. Turns out she has a charity foundation she never paid attention to, run by a no-nonsense woman played by Rodriguez.

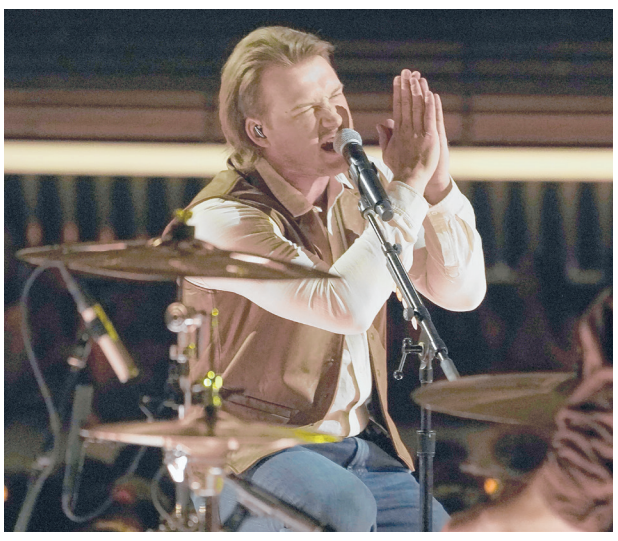
'Only Murders in the Building' (June 28 on Hulu): A whodunit peppered with comedic zing and plenty of real estate envy, the amateur sleuthing trio — played by Selena Gomez, Martin Short and the show's co-creator Steve Martin — are back for a second season.

Note: Many upcoming titles have yet to announce their premiere dates, so this list was drawn from the limited number of shows on the schedule so far.

CELEBRITIES

Controversial returns at awards show

From news services


Country singer Morgan Wallen performs Sunday at the Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas. **CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP**

Travis Scott and Morgan Wallen made controversial returns on the Billboard Music Awards stage on Sunday, while Mary J. Blige was honored for her musical excellence.

Wallen performed in his first major awards show after he was caught on camera more than a year ago using a racial slur. He took the stage for "Don't Think Jesus" and "Wasted on You." Shortly after, Wallen won the top country artist award.

"I want to say, 'Thank God.' And thank my fans. I got the best ... fans," said Wallen, but didn't mention last year's incident, which once found the disgraced singer rebuked by the music industry.

Scott made his first televised performance since a massive crowd surge killed 10 people and injured thousands at his Astroworld Festival in Houston in November. The rapper performed "Mafia."

Mary J. Blige received the Icon Award for being an influential music maker. The singer, known as the Queen of Hip-Hop Soul, was presented the award by Janet Jackson and escorted on stage by Sean "Diddy" Combs — who emceed the televised show in Las Vegas.

Blige said she was in a "dream right now" after she received the honor. "I've been on this journey for a long time, one that didn't always look the way you see me now, one that is filled with a lot of heartache and pain," she said. "But God helped me to channel those experiences and emotions in my music, which is where I started in music."

Drake took home wins for top artist, male artist, rap artist, rap male artist and rap album for "Certified Lover Boy." He extended his record as the most decorated winner in the history of the awards show with 34 wins.

Olivia Rodrigo and Ye, the rapper formerly known as Kanye West, won six awards during a nontelevised ceremony. Rodrigo was awarded best new artist. Doja Cat and Taylor Swift came away with four awards each. Bad Bunny received two wins.

Judd celebrated at memorial service: Naomi Judd was celebrated with words and soaring music at a public memorial service Sunday that ended with her daughter Wynonna announcing that a tour planned for later this year would go on.

"Tonight is a celebration, and at the same time, I can't put into words how devastated I am," Wynonna Judd said. "I miss her so much."

Naomi Judd died April 30 at age 76. In a statement, the family said they lost her to "the disease of mental illness."

Brad Paisley, Emmylou Harris, Brandi Carlile and Carly Pearce were among the performers who took the stage to honor Naomi Judd during "The River of Time" memorial service.

The service began with her daughter Ashley delivering a eulogy that traced her mother's life from its humble beginnings in Kentucky to the heights of superstardom. "We are here tonight remembering an icon and a legend who left country music better than she found it," Ashley Judd said tearfully.

Spears has lost baby: Britney Spears says she has lost a baby early in her pregnancy. Spears, 40, announced the loss on Instagram on Saturday in a joint post with her partner, Sam Asghari, 28.

"It is with deepest sadness we have to announce that we have lost our miracle baby early in the pregnancy. This is a devastating time for any parent," the post said. "... We will continue trying to expand our beautiful family."

Spears has two teenage sons with her ex-husband, Kevin Federline.

May 17 birthdays: Singer Taj Mahal is 80. TV personality Kathleen Sullivan is 69. Singer Enya is 61. Actor Craig Ferguson is 60. Actor David Eigenberg is 58. Musician Trent Reznor is 57. Singer Jordan Knight is 52. Actor Sendhil Ramamurthy is 48. Singer Kandi Burruss is 46. Dancer Derek Hough is 37. Actor Tahj Mowry is 36.

ASK AMY

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Donor-conceived children should be told

Dear Amy: I have read advice in your column suggesting that it is wisest to tell children about their adoption starting very young. My 6-year-old twin grandchildren have never been told that their momma's eggs came from an egg donor.

The parents are now divorced but are very friendly.

Should they tell the kids?

Their momma carried them and gave birth to them.

— *Wondering*

Dear Wondering: As with children who join their families through adoption, parents should also tell children who were conceived through donation their true birth story — ideally starting when the children are pre-verbal.

This gives parents lots of practice in telling the story and normalizes it for everyone.

What parents should not do is treat this as a mystery or a family secret. Families are made in many different ways, and children are capable of understanding this because they see it in their own world.

Kids notice that not all families are the same. For instance, your grandkids' folks are divorced — but the parents and kids are still in a family together.

Not knowing the truth and then finding out later can prove genuinely traumatic for people — who upon learning that their birth is the result of sperm or egg donation can struggle understanding their identity and wonder why nobody ever told them.

Because these parents are divorced, they should both talk to the twins about the very happy way they came into the world. They should answer all questions as they arise. Even though some donor-conceived people eventually meet their biological relations, they know their parents are the people who raised them.

There are a number of charming children's books describing this process.

One I like is, "The Pea that was Me: An Egg-Donation Story," by Kimberly Kluger-Bell (2012, CreateSpace Independent).

Dear Amy: My wife and I have two young children. One is in preschool, and the other is in first grade. My wife and I both work.

I recently found a basketball league of other dads that I'd like to join. The games are one evening a week.

I haven't approached my wife about doing this, but I'm nervous about it. She works really hard, and I don't want her to feel like I'm abandoning her.

What do you think?

— *Nervous Dad*

Dear Dad: Parenting younger children is often about divide and conquer.

You and your wife should both find something besides work that engages and connects you with other adults.

You should approach her with the idea that if she can hold down the fort one weeknight, you will take another night.

If your wife is overwhelmed by this idea, you might be able to find a pickup game on a Saturday or Sunday, and either take the kids with you, or engage someone to play with the kids while you are playing with the dads.

Dear Amy: Your recent response to a letter from "Feeling Guilty," which concerned salary discussions and disclosure of compensation in the workplace, was woefully incomplete.

Companies may have a policy against salary discussions or at least a culture of nondisclosure.

Just because salary discussions are protected by law does not mean that such conversations are appropriate. There are legitimate reasons why salary increases are provided for some but not others.

If the letter writer shares this personal information in an effort to help the co-worker, it may backfire.

— *Disappointed*

Dear Disappointed: In my (admittedly limited) experience, most companies have a "culture of nondisclosure." That's because it is in the company's interest for co-workers to keep their compensation a secret.

"Feeling Guilty" reported that her colleague confided that she (the colleague) hadn't received a raise during her entire career with the company.

Feeling Guilty, who had received several raises, could encourage her colleague to look for another job by stating that others have received raises, without disclosing specifics.

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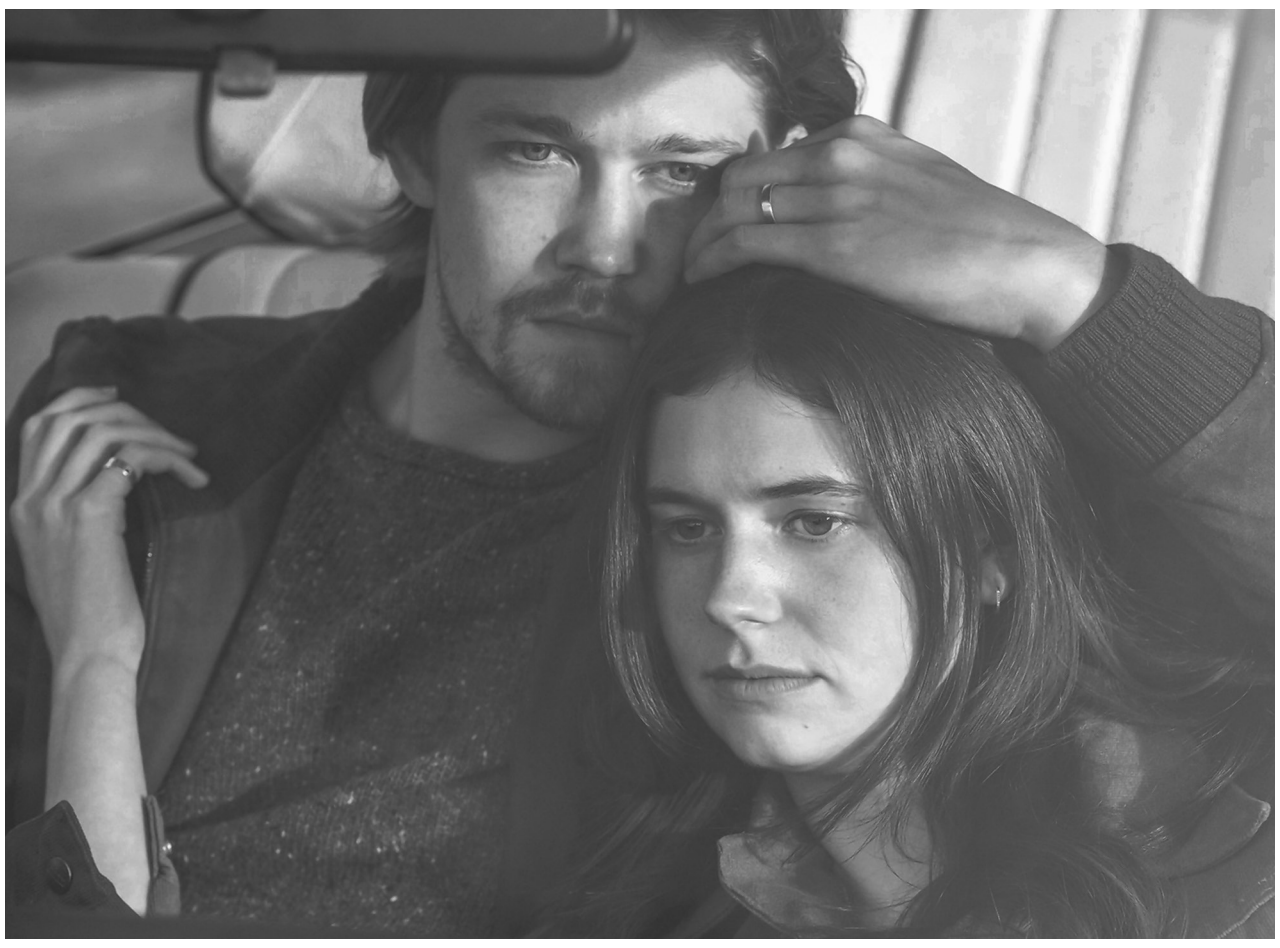
TV REVIEW

Carnal desires and complications in adaptation

By Nina Metz
Chicago Tribune



Alison Oliver and Joe Alwyn in "Conversations with Friends," adapted from the 2017 Sally Rooney novel. ENDA BOWE/HULU

There's a conversation that bubbles up every so often about the absence of sex scenes in contemporary film: Why is everything so chaste on screen? It's true that Hollywood is making fewer movies about adult relationships at the moment, but it's not hard to find serious-minded TV that is filling the gap.

"Conversations with Friends," the 12-part Hulu-BBC co-production adapted from Irish writer Sally Rooney's bestselling 2017 novel, puts carnal desires at its center, as well as the more contemplative complications that arise once everyone puts their clothes back on.

Frances (Alison Oliver) and Bobbi (Sasha Lane) are students at Trinity College Dublin. Once a romantic item, they are now platonic but remain inseparable. They perform spoken word poetry together in small clubs, and it's unclear if we're meant to think they're any good or not.

As a pair, they are a study in opposites: Frances can be elusive and ill-at-ease, Bobbi is the self-assured force of nature who's also sometimes full of baloney.

One night, they meet a glamorous and urbane writer named Melissa (Jemima Kirke) who looks to be a good 15 years older. She invites these soon-to-be college seniors into her orbit, which includes her husband, a shy but semifamous actor named Nick (Joe Alwyn).

Nick is handsome and awkward and, it quickly becomes apparent, more than a little interested in Frances. The feeling is mutual, and it's as if they've suddenly found their stumbling, fumbling misfit counterpart. They throw caution to the wind, consummate their flirtation in secret and things get complicated from there.

I'm sure there will be strong opinions about how well — or not — this adaptation captures Rooney's voice as a writer. I can't speak to that, having only seen the series. (Rooney's novel "Normal People" was adapted for TV in 2020 and is also on Hulu.) This is well-trodden territory, and "Conversations with Friends" isn't particularly insightful about the nature of affairs. And yet after each episode ended, I found myself drawn to the next.

How to explain this strange foursome, with their round robin of bruised feelings? Maybe Frances and Bobbi are just collectibles to a couple like Melissa and Nick, who seem to be looking for a distraction from whatever ails their marriage. Maybe Frances and Bobbi need a distraction from their own intense co-dependence.

There's something hypnotic about directors Lenny Abrahamson and Leanne Welham's pacing, although I have a gripe with the way they film scene after scene of Frances texting on her phone; if the point is the words on the screen, then get the camera in closer and frame it so the exchange is legible. (This is actually a persistent issue across most TV and film.) Visually, the show is unexpectedly cozy, awash in gloomy greens and grays. Often it's raining outside. A summer retreat to Croatia offers a brief respite with blue skies, but the story's thematic undertow remains anything but sunny; sneaking around may generate an erotic charge, but it also stirs up anxieties and jealousies.

What is intimacy without honesty? That question hovers over everything. Monogamy may be a construct, as Bobbi so adamantly declares, but relationships fueled by deception aren't any more enlightened. No one is telling the truth in the tight confines of this domestic drama, but Bobbi probably comes the closest.

In the show, she is Black and American, a departure from the book, and yet series writer Alice Birch doesn't allow that specificity to inform the character. Bobbi exists in the story not as her own person so much as a check on her friend's shortcomings: "Is that how you see me, like my only role is to move effortlessly through the world in contrast to poor you?" she says to Frances, who is flummoxed by interpersonal relationships.

Frances is an endlessly confounding character. Though she presents herself as a sweet, delicate ingenue, this belies just how petulant and brutal she can be on an interpersonal basis. The story is told from her point of view and Oliver embraces all of her emotional swings and lack of self-awareness.

But her silent judgments and intense navel-gazing are what make her so interesting. It's a tricky role — she's utterly strange but also banal — and it would be easy to write her off as exhausting and careless with anyone's feelings but her own. But it's a marvelously layered performance from Oliver, who can appear plain one moment, disarmingly gorgeous the next. Watching her, it's like the sand is forever shifting beneath your feet. Frances is so smart and yet so naive about the universality of human experience. Everyone is going through something, Bobbi tells her. "That's life, basically. Just more and more stuff to go through." Bobbi gives her a meaningful look. "Nobody's going through nothing." This might be news to Frances.

The series is primarily interested in what her affair with Nick looks and feels like — how it works, and pointedly, how it doesn't work. Nick is an enigma. In the hands of Alwyn, he gives a good smolder, but his quiet personality shouldn't be mistaken for kindness. He doesn't want to leave his wife. He doesn't want to stop seeing Frances, either.

"Conversations with Friends" doesn't have anything overt to say about this power dynamic, except for a passing conversation in which we learn that years earlier, Nick used to sleep with one of his college professors, who was 45 at the time. That's not old, Nick insists. "When you're 19 it is," his wife replies. Frances may technically be of age, but she's emotionally stunted and inexperienced. Nick is the much older, not to mention married, party here. He's famous, financially secure and good looking, and his proclaimed need for Frances feels quietly exploitative.

He and Frances might be the most miserable people to ever murmur "You make me so happy" to one another. That's part of the show's pull, with all of its contradictory emotions crashing around. Obsessions and betrayals and disappointments are roiling beneath the surface, but stiff upper lips prevail and there can be something airless about that. In a funny way, it mirrors the sex between this pair. Bathed in a soft light, their couplings are almost dainty, without any visible hint of sweat or joy or anything too rapturous.

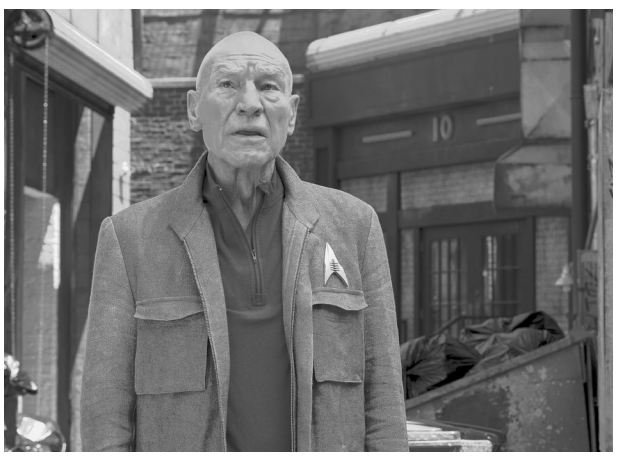
Even so, there's something electric in this naturalistic drama about the toxic ties that bind us.

Where to watch: Hulu

TV Q&A

When will end of 'Picard' appear?

By Rich Heldenfels
Tribune News Service



Patrick Stewart as Picard in "Star Trek: Picard." The final season is expected in 2023. TRAE PATTON/PARAMOUNT+

Q: Do you know when the end of "Picard" is going to appear?
A: The second season of "Star Trek: Picard" has been completed on Paramount+, and a third and final season is expected in 2023. While the series has seen some players from "Star Trek: The Next Generation" show up here and there on "Picard," Variety says the third season will be "the first time the main 'TNG' cast has performed on-screen together since the 2002 feature film 'Star Trek: Nemesis.'" And "Picard" showrunner Terry Matalas has promised on Twitter that "these aren't just cameos. This is a proper send off to the TNG crew."

Q: I remember the song "Bring the Boys Home" by Freda Payne that came out around the end of the war in Vietnam. I thought I would hear on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Do you know if the song would offend anybody for political reasons?
A: The song by Payne, best known for the classic "Band of Gold," was a hit in 1971, spending 10 weeks in the Billboard Top 40, rising as high as No. 12. But it was a controversial work, as most protest songs were during that time, with its references to a "senseless war" and "facing death in vain," as well as a chorus pleading to "turn the (troop) ships around." Still, the song has hardly disappeared. A quick check of music streamers Pandora and Spotify found it easily enough, and it has been on various collections of Payne's songs.

Q: Can you help with the name of an old movie set in South America on a plantation? It had intrigue, love interest and so on, but the main event was stopping an invasion of ants that was heading to destroy the crop.
A: That would be "The Naked Jungle," a 1954 film starring Eleanor Parker and Charlton Heston.

Q: I seem to recall Jerry Seinfeld getting paid $1 million per episode at one point. Is this accurate, and have any other TV personalities received this kind of pay since then?
A: Many reports indicate Seinfeld was in the million-dollar club in the later years of his series, but he's far from the only performer to hit that mark. Other comedy stars to make that much or more have included the six cast members of "Friends," the five core stars of "The Big Bang Theory," Charlie Sheen in his "Two and a Half Men" years, Kelsey Grammar on "Frasier" and Tim Allen on "Home Improvement."

Q: I watched a movie, five or more years ago, which I think took place in ancient Central or South America about indigenous peoples whose heads were lopped off by their king as a sacrifice to the gods. One tribesman decided he wanted no part of this, and the rest of the movie was about his escape. Does this sound familiar?
A: I suggested, and you confirmed, the movie is "Apocalypto," a 2006 film co-written and directed by Mel Gibson.

Q: Probably 50-plus years ago, I saw a show where I think William Bendix played a psychiatrist who saw a patient who was having a recurring dream about being in Pearl Harbor. The doctor awoke in his office later and a while after in a bar saw a picture of his patient. When he asked the bartender about the man, the reply was, "He died at Pearl Harbor." I have tried to locate this show with no success. Any ideas?
A: You can find the drama, called "The Time Element," on YouTube. It originally aired in 1958 on the drama anthology "Westinghouse Desilu Playhouse," and was written by Rod Serling (later famous for "The Twilight Zone"). The production indeed starred Bendix — but as the patient. Martin Balsam was the doctor.

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): You have the confidence to try an experience that would otherwise seem like too much. That said, make sure you're moving forward for the right reasons. Though you might want to prove something, you get the most out of things you do for yourself.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You may be drawn to intensity today, but consider your audience. Expressing this side of yourself with a larger group of friends has the potential to lead to conflict. The connection you need is a one-on-one setting with someone you trust.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Connecting with people could be rewarding today, but you may be tempted to abuse your moment in the spotlight. You're likely to stumble into power dynamics that you don't want to deal with if you take too many risks. Focus on what keeps the mood pleasant and share more openly in the future.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You'll see how the effort you put in leads you to your larger goals. Your biggest challenge might be keeping your idea of what success should look like from blocking something that works. Though you may worry about judgment from your peers, they don't know the whole story.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You may want today to include meaning and purpose. However, others you're with might be more interested in an uncomplicated good time. Trying to draw them as deep as you are is likely to cause conflict. Instead, let each person have enough space to enjoy a shared experience in their own way.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Setting up your home could be on your mind today, but you may need to consider opinions beyond your own. You should be sensitive to the desires of those who share your space. Collaborating with them might make your ideas even better!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Talking things out can improve one of your significant relationships today. Though you might be afraid of diving too deep, going there may not even be necessary for the conversation you need to have. Details that don't matter are likely to derail you and cause conflict, so stay on topic.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Seeing material results from your work can be rewarding. However, you may be tempted to blow funds on a fun purchase. While you don't want to waste money, buying something that speaks to you might be better than letting your inner critic tell you to watch your wallet.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Setting up your daily routines and environment in a way that works for you is very important now. If your responsibilities sound unappealing to you, then that's a message something must change. As long as the way you shift things is fair to others who are involved, you should make good progress.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Talking things out may not be worth the trouble at the moment. You're likely to fly off the handle emotionally at any provocation, which would prevent you from making your best case. Take time to think through what you want to communicate.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Socializing can be rewarding for you today. However, starting a discussion about heavy matters might backfire on you. While you may be happy with the shifts you've been making on some foundational issues lately, remember that not everyone will be in the same place. Others are perhaps more complacent.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Bringing your life into alignment with your goals is possible today. However, you might not be able to talk to people about it in a way that makes them understand. This could be frustrating, but you're capable of achieving concrete results soon. Stay committed.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On May 17, 1940, the Nazis occupied Brussels, Belgium, during World War II.

In 1954, a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court handed down its Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka decision which held that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal and therefore unconstitutional.

In 1973, a special committee convened by the U.S. Senate began its televised hearings into the Watergate scandal.

In 1980, rioting that claimed 18 lives erupted in Miami's Liberty City after an all-white jury acquitted four former Miami police officers of fatally beating Black insurance executive Arthur McDuffie.

In 2004, Massachusetts became the first state to allow same-sex marriages.

In 2020, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo was tested for the coronavirus on live TV.

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit *www.sudoku.org.uk*.

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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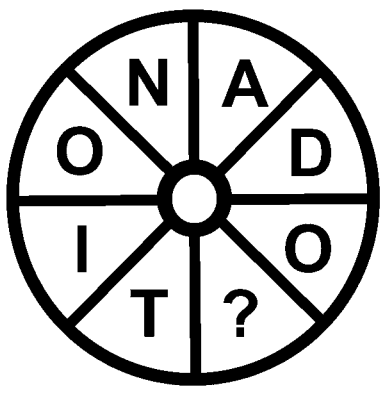

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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TV CROSSWORD

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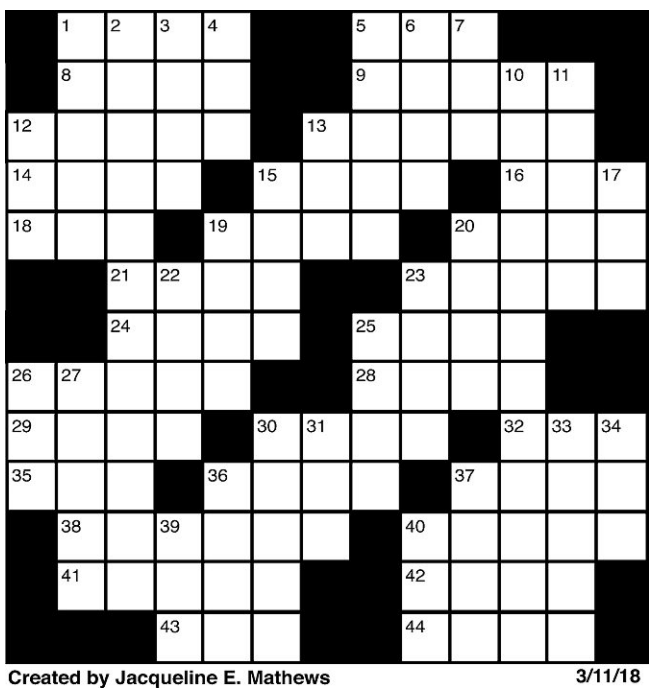

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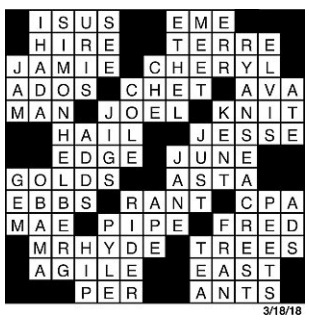
ACROSS
1 "This __"
5 Actor __ Ikwuakor of "Inhumans"
8 "Spenser: For __"; Robert Urich series
9 __ Haute, Indiana
12 Farr of "M*A*S*H"
13 Ladd or Tiegs
14 Needless commotions
15 Newsman Huntley
16 Wife to Mickey, Artie and Frank
18 "Last __ Standing"
19 Singer/songwriter Billy __
20 Make bootees
21 "__, Caesar!"; movie for George Clooney and Josh Brolin
23 Actor Eisenberg
24 "__ of Tomorrow"; Tom Cruise film
25 Beaver's mom
26 Actresses Tracey and Missy
28 Dog on "The Thin Man"
29 Flows back
30 Angry speech
32 Expert accountant, for short
35 Actress West
36 __ dream; unattainable wish
37 Pebbles' pop
38 "Dr. Jekyll and __"
40 "Men in __"
41 Nimble
42 "__ of Eden"; film for James Dean and Julie Harris
43 __ person; apiece
44 Colony insects

DOWN
1 "If __ Hammer"; Pete Seeger song
2 Actor on "The Big Bang Theory"
3 Author Leon __
4 "We're off to __ the Wizard..."
5 Fred Mertz's wife
6 "__ the Press"
7 Make a boo-boo
10 "American Idol" host
11 Lisa Marie's dad
12 "Space __"; movie for Michael Jordan
13 Revolutionary Guevara
15 Nat King __
17 Feasted
19 Lively Irish dances
20 Clark __; Tom Welling's role on "Smallville"
22 __ up; tallies
23 "__ Shoot Me!"
25 Kyra Sedgwick's role on "Ten Days in the Valley"
26 Ruby or topaz
27 Michelle or Malia
30 "Ghost __"; movie for Nicolas Cage
31 King Kong, for one
33 Amanda and her family
34 Commercials
36 Role for Jim Nabors
37 Lead role on "The Nanny"
39 Joint closest to the waist
40 Actress Leoni



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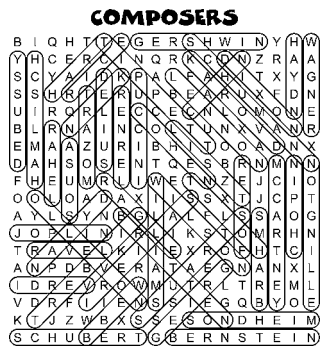

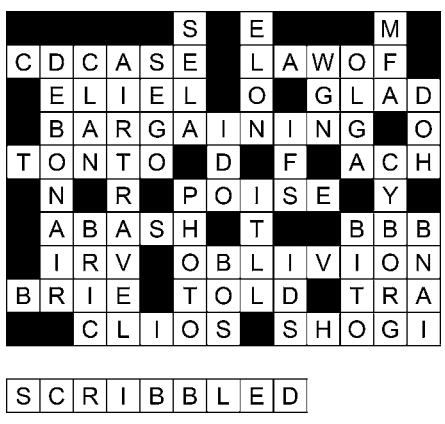

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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I can't believe your little girl is getting married. Are you doing okay?
I'm so happy for her. But I also miss my little girl.
WHEN THE BAKER MADE A WEDDING CAKE FOR HIS DAUGHTER, HE WAS ---

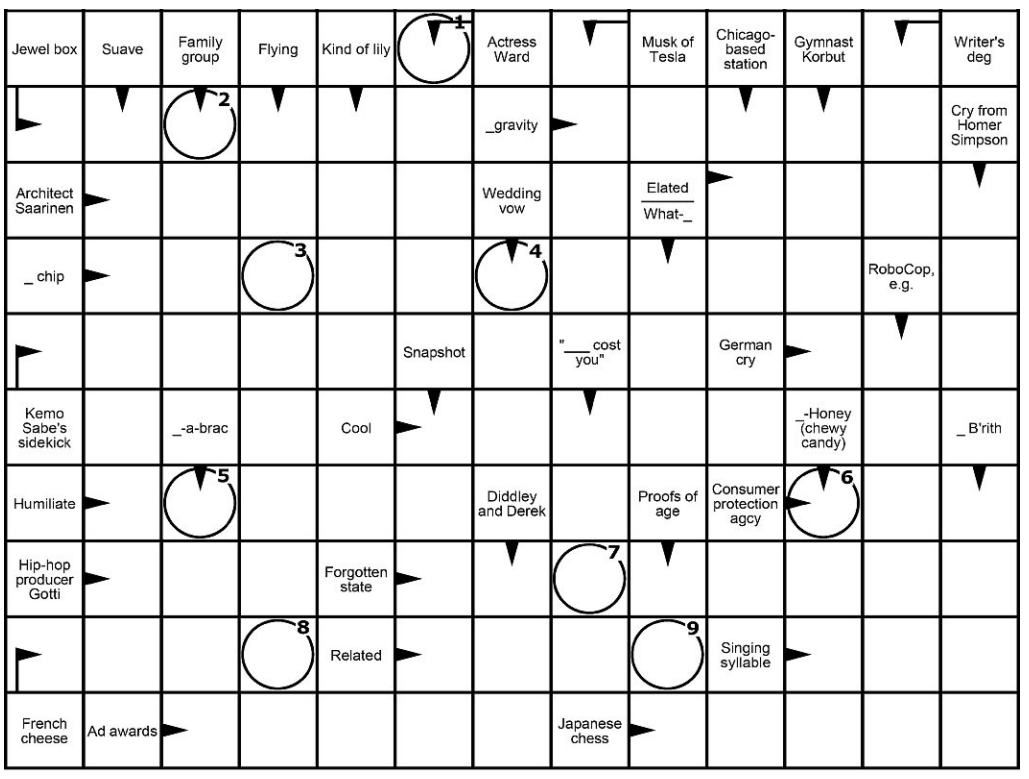
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: " ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) " ( ) ( )

Jumbles: PITCH VAGUE RADIUS INDUCT
Answer: When the baker made a wedding cake for his daughter, he was — "TIERING" UP

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.



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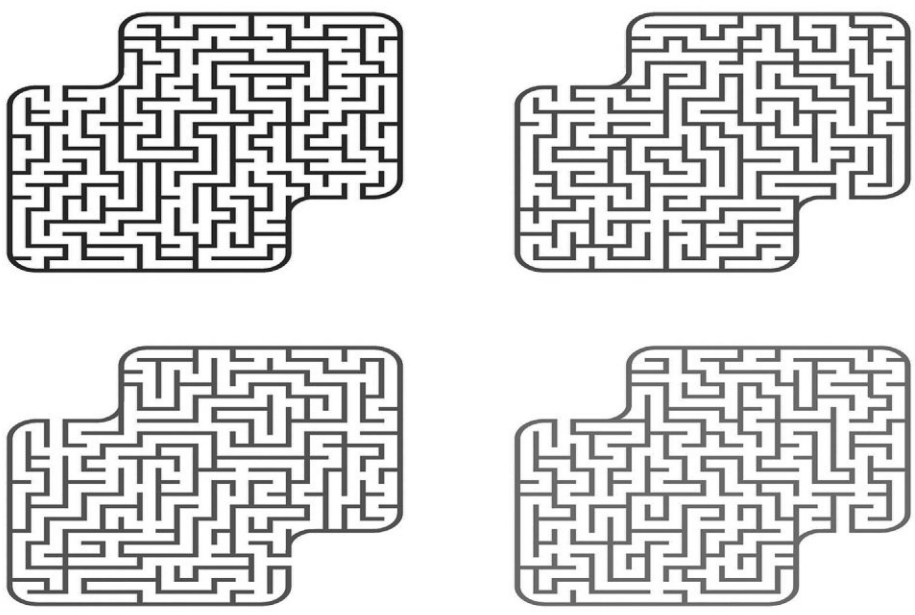

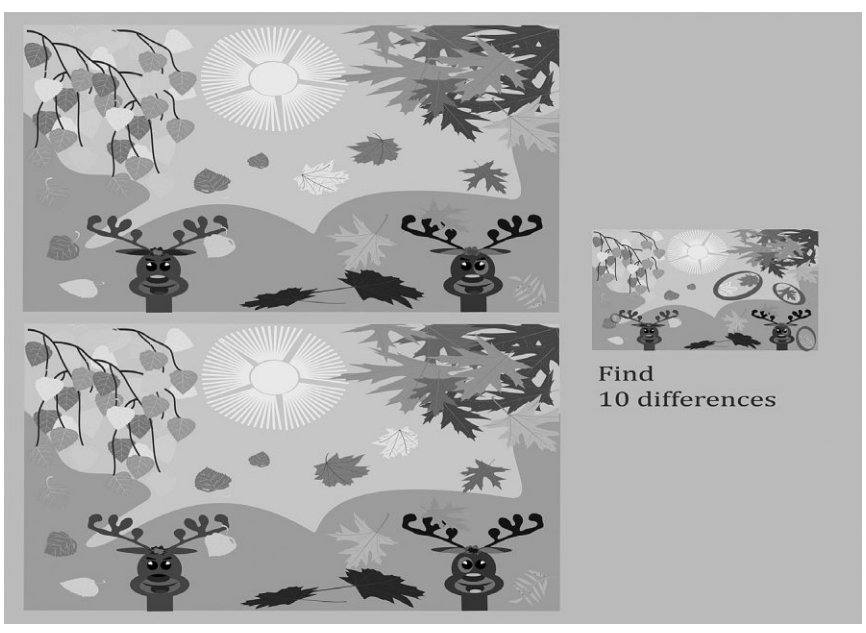

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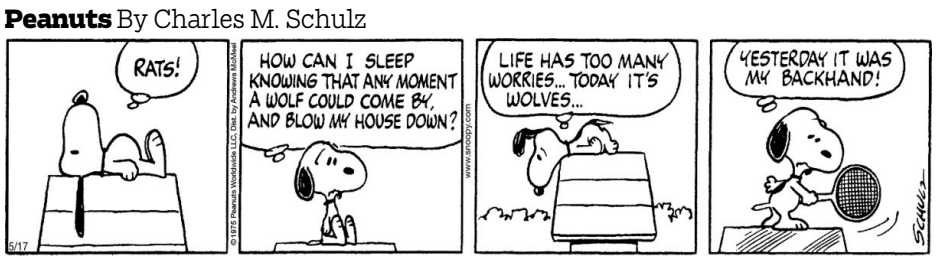
RATS!
HOW CAN I SLEEP KNOWING THAT ANY MOMENT A WOLF COULD COME BY, AND BLOW MY HOUSE DOWN?
LIFE HAS TOO MANY WORRIES... TODAY IT'S WOLVES...
YESTERDAY IT WAS MY BACKHAND!
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SCHULZ

Classic Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

THIS IS SO LAME! KIM SAID I'D BE WORKING ON MACS, BUT SHE DIDN'T MENTION THEY WERE QUADRAS! THIS AIN'T 1994, MAN!
YOU GOTTA GET ME A SERIOUS MUSCLE MACHINE, OR I'M OUTA HERE. ALSO, I WANT TWO DIGITAL LINES...
ALSO, IF I'M SUPPOSED TO WORK HERE, I'M GONNA NEED AN AIR CONDITIONER AND A MICROWAVE AND A FRIDGE. OKAY, MIKE-A-RINO? OKAY? HELLO?
THE ANTICHRIST IS IN OUR GARAGE.
TRENT? YES! DON'T SCARE HIM OFF!
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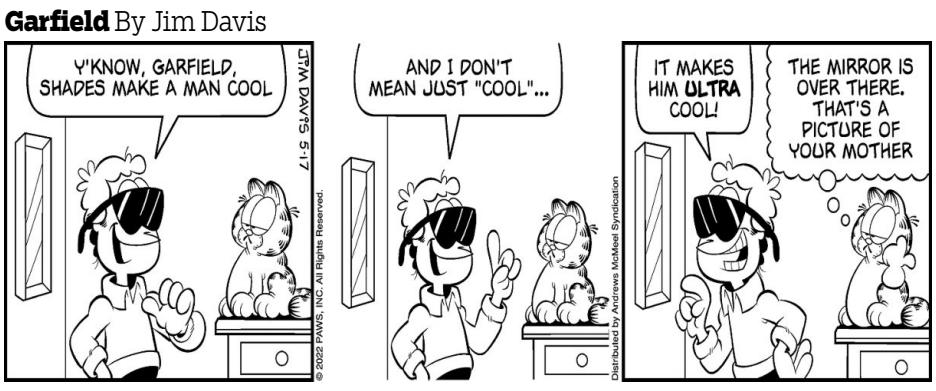
Garfield By Jim Davis


Y'KNOW, GARFIELD, SHADES MAKE A MAN COOL
AND I DON'T MEAN JUST "COOL"...
IT MAKES HIM ULTRA COOL!
THE MIRROR IS OVER THERE. THAT'S A PICTURE OF YOUR MOTHER
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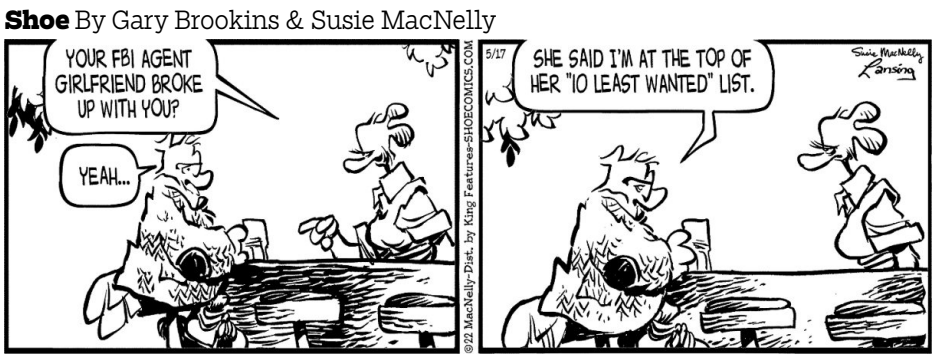
Shoe By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly


YOUR FBI AGENT GIRLFRIEND BROKE UP WITH YOU?
YEAH...
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SHE SAID I'M AT THE TOP OF HER "10 LEAST WANTED" LIST.
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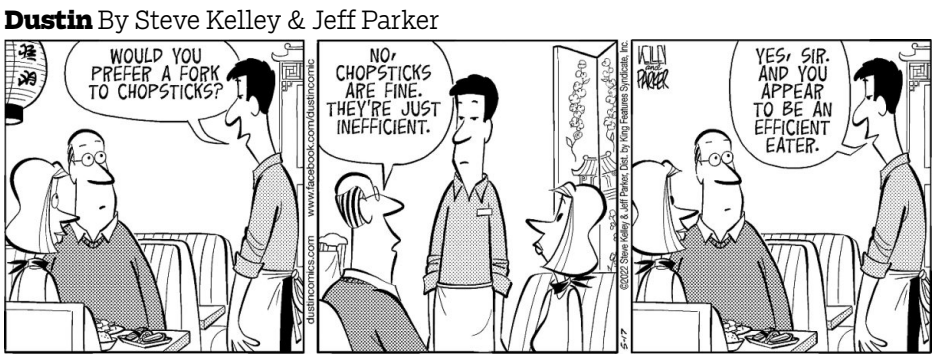
WOULD YOU PREFER A FORK TO CHOPSTICKS?
NO, CHOPSTICKS ARE FINE. THEY'RE JUST INEFFICIENT.
YES, SIR. AND YOU APPEAR TO BE AN EFFICIENT EATER.
KELLY AND PARKER
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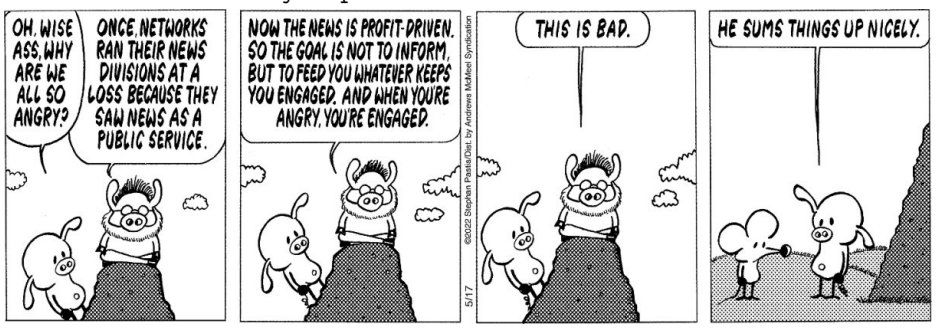
Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis


OH, WISE ASS, WHY ARE WE ALL SO ANGRY?
ONCE, NETWORKS RAN THEIR NEWS DIVISIONS AT A LOSS BECAUSE THEY SAW NEWS AS A PUBLIC SERVICE.
NOW THE NEWS IS PROFIT-DRIVEN. SO THE GOAL IS NOT TO INFORM, BUT TO FEED YOU WHATEVER KEEPS YOU ENGAGED. AND WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY, YOU'RE ENGAGED.
THIS IS BAD.
HE SUMS THINGS UP NICELY.
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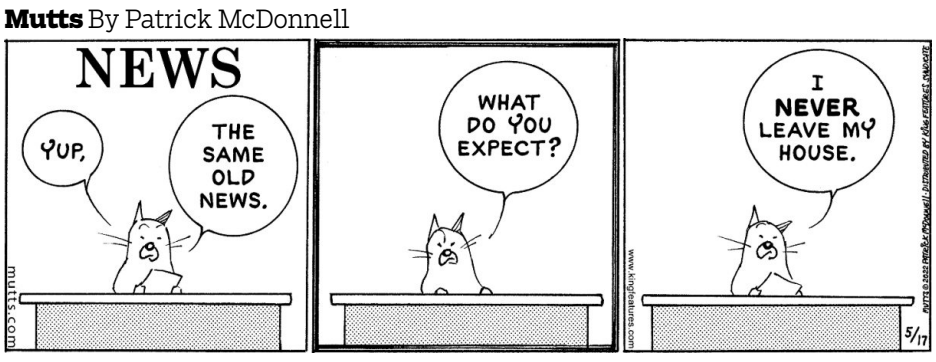
Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



Arctic Circle By Alex Hallatt

RISING SEA LEVELS ARE WASHING OUT LANDFILLS.
COULD WE MINE THEM FOR OLD MATERIALS?
I'VE DONE THAT ALREADY!
A STACK OF 1980s READER'S DIGESTS ISN'T WORTH ANYTHING.
IT IS IF YOU LIKE CARTOONS!
Hallatt 5-17
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Jump Start By Robb Armstrong

MARCUS! LOOK AT THIS STORY IN THE TABLOIDS!
THEY'RE CALLING ME A "GOLD DIGGER"!
NICOLE, STAY AWAY FROM THOSE GOSSIP RAGS.
HAVE YOU READ WHAT PEOPLE ARE TWEETING?!
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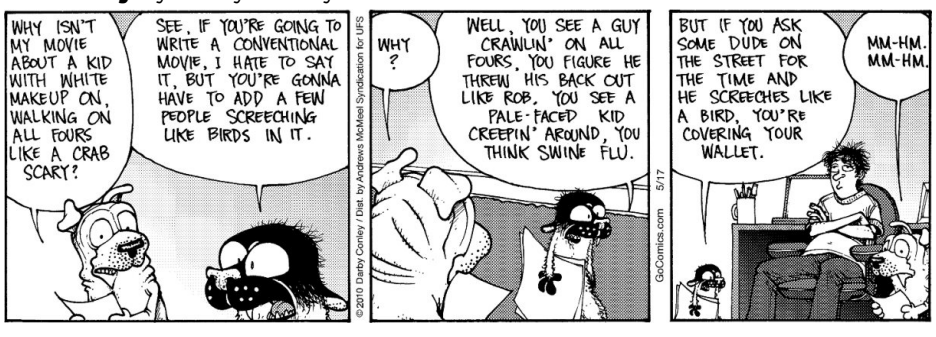
WHY ISN'T MY MOVIE ABOUT A KID WITH WHITE MAKEUP ON, WALKING ON ALL FOURS LIKE A CRAB SCARY?
SEE, IF YOU'RE GOING TO WRITE A CONVENTIONAL MOVIE, I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO ADD A FEW PEOPLE SCREECHING LIKE BIRDS IN IT.
WHY?
WELL, YOU SEE A GUY CRAWLIN' ON ALL FOURS, YOU FIGURE HE THREW HIS BACK OUT LIKE ROB, YOU SEE A PALE-FACED KID CREEPIN' AROUND, YOU THINK SWINE FLU.
BUT IF YOU ASK SOME DUDE ON THE STREET FOR THE TIME AND HE SCREECHES LIKE A BIRD, YOU'RE COVERING YOUR WALLET.
MM-HM. MM-HM.
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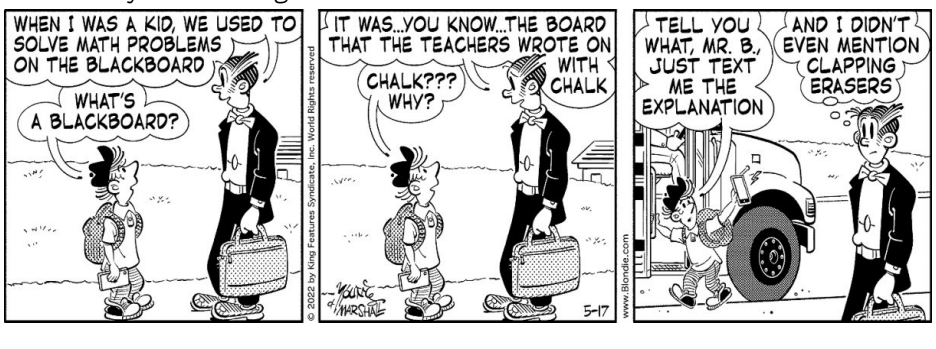
WHEN I WAS A KID, WE USED TO SOLVE MATH PROBLEMS ON THE BLACKBOARD
WHAT'S A BLACKBOARD?
IT WAS...YOU KNOW...THE BOARD THAT THE TEACHERS WROTE ON WITH CHALK
CHALK??? WHY?
TELL YOU WHAT, MR. B., JUST TEXT ME THE EXPLANATION
AND I DIDN'T EVEN MENTION CLAPPING ERASERS
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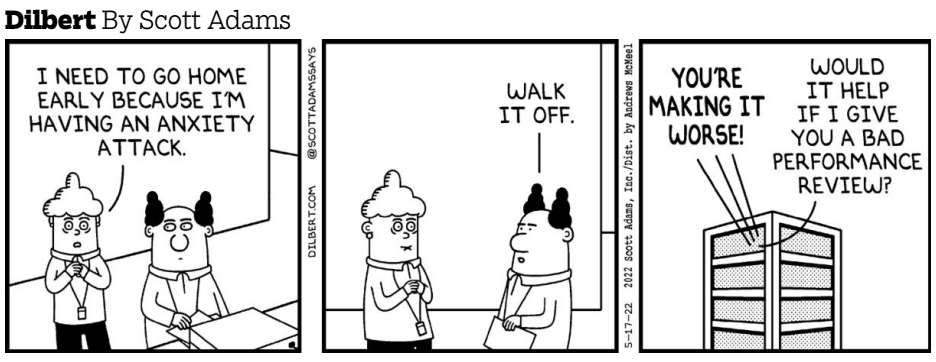
Dilbert By Scott Adams


I NEED TO GO HOME EARLY BECAUSE I'M HAVING AN ANXIETY ATTACK.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMS56AYS
WALK IT OFF.
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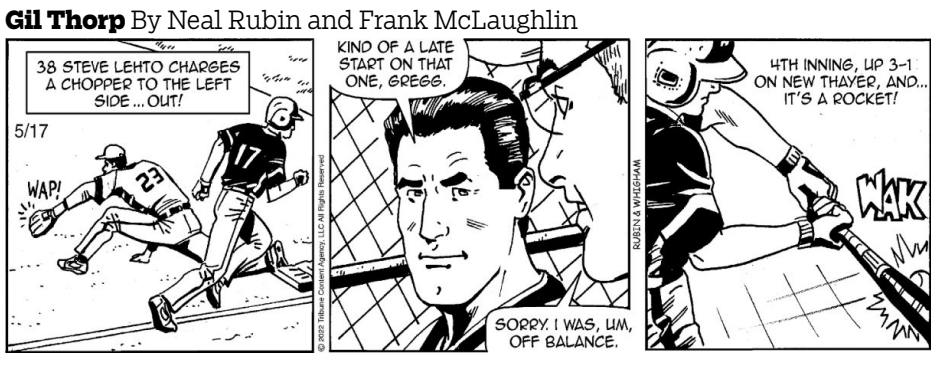
YOU'RE MAKING IT WORSE!
WOULD IT HELP IF I GIVE YOU A BAD PERFORMANCE REVIEW?

Gil Thorp By Neal Rubin and Frank McLaughlin


38 STEVE LEHTO CHARGES A CHOPPER TO THE LEFT SIDE ... OUT!
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WAP!
KIND OF A LATE START ON THAT ONE, GREGG.
SORRY. I WAS, UM, OFF BALANCE.
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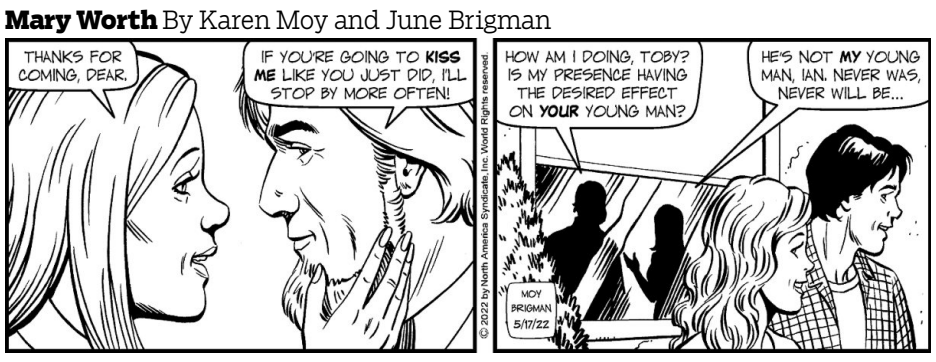
4TH INNING, UP 3-1 ON NEW THAYER, AND... IT'S A ROCKET!
WHAK

Mary Worth By Karen Moy and June Brigman


THANKS FOR COMING, DEAR.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO KISS ME LIKE YOU JUST DID, I'LL STOP BY MORE OFTEN!
HOW AM I DOING, TOBY? IS MY PRESENCE HAVING THE DESIRED EFFECT ON YOUR YOUNG MAN?
HE'S NOT MY YOUNG MAN, IAN. NEVER WAS, NEVER WILL BE...
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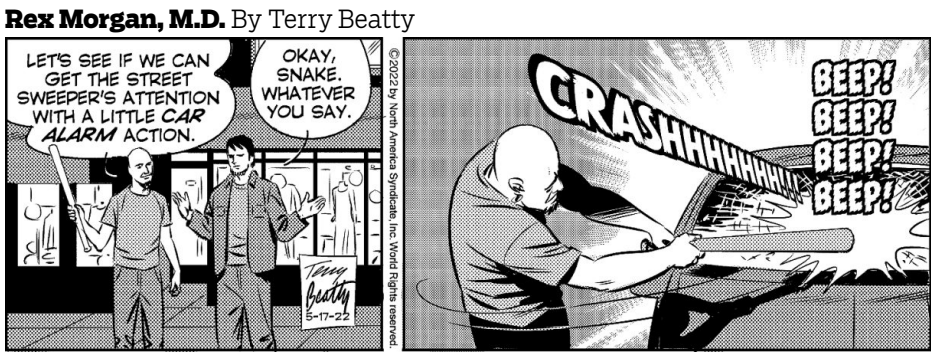
MOY BRIGMAN 5/17/22

Rex Morgan, M.D. By Terry Beatty


LET'S SEE IF WE CAN GET THE STREET SWEEPER'S ATTENTION WITH A LITTLE CAR ALARM ACTION.
OKAY, SNAKE. WHATEVER YOU SAY.
Terry Beatty 5-17-22
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CRASHHHHHHH!
BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!

Judge Parker By Woody Wilson and Mike Manley

I MEAN, SOPH, THIS REALLY LOOKS LIKE ABBEY GOING TO HER BARN THE MORNING OF THE FIRE WITH GASOLINE. BUT THIS JUST CAN'T BE REAL!
MARCIULIANO + MANLEY 5/17
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THIS IS WHAT THE MAYOR USED TO BUY SAM'S SILENCE? AND ABBEY HAS NO IDEA ABOUT THIS FOOTAGE?
JUST YOU, ME, SAM AND THE MAYOR. BUT HERE'S THE THING...

Baldo By Cantu and Castellanos

WHA?! SOMEONE STOLE MY FOOD!
EMPLOYEE LOUNGE
WHAT WAS IT?
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MY TIA PACKED IT...
LEFTOVER LENGUA CASSEROLE.
I'LL BRING MORE TOMORROW.
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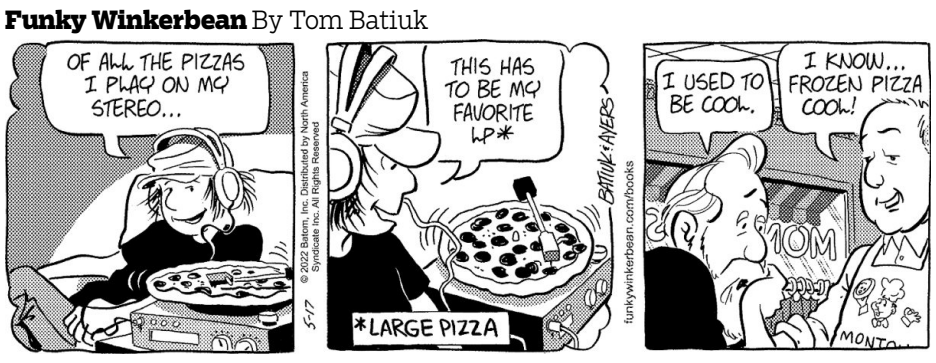
Funky Winkerbean By Tom Batiuk


OF ALL THE PIZZAS I PLAY ON MY STEREO...
THIS HAS TO BE MY FAVORITE LP*
*LARGE PIZZA
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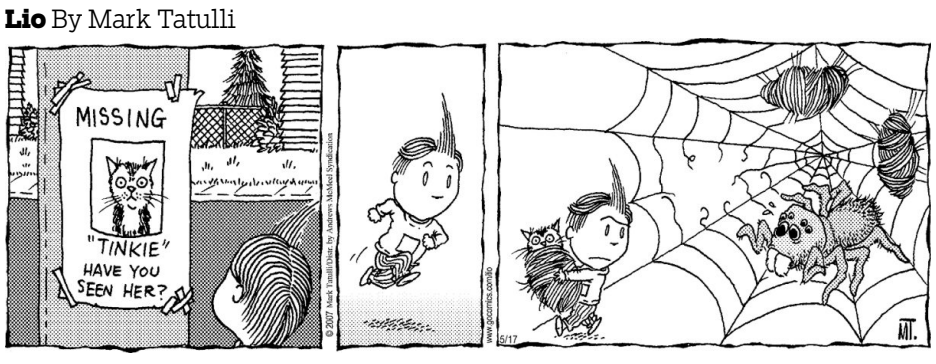
I USED TO BE COOL.
I KNOW... FROZEN PIZZA COOL!
TOM

Lio By Mark Tatulli



Wizard Of Id By Johnny Hart and Brant Parker

Rhymes With Orange By Hilary Price

TUT
Listen to your mummy!
STOP WITH THE HYSTERICS. IT'S A SPRAIN. YOU DON'T HAVE ONE FOOT IN THE GROVE.
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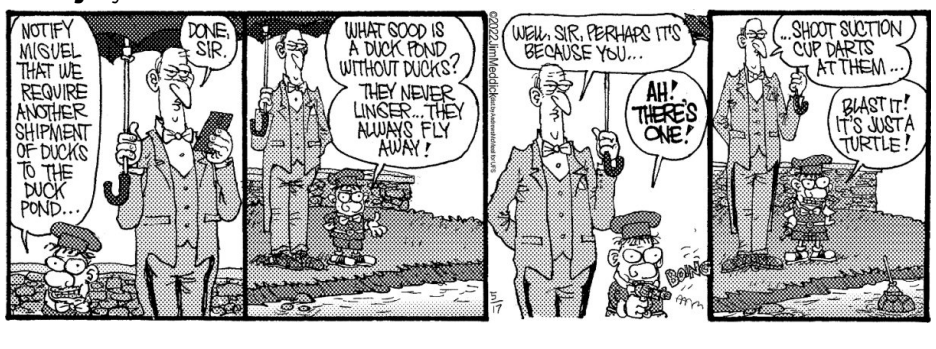
Monty By Jim Meddick


NOTIFY MISUEL THAT WE REQUIRE ANOTHER SHIPMENT OF DUCKS TO THE DUCK POND...
DONE, SIR.
WHAT GOOD IS A DUCK POND WITHOUT DUCKS? THEY NEVER LINGER... THEY ALWAYS FLY AWAY!
WELL, SIR, PERHAPS IT'S BECAUSE YOU...
AH! THERE'S ONE!
...SHOOT SUCTION CUP DARTS AT THEM...
BLAST IT! IT'S JUST A TURTLE!
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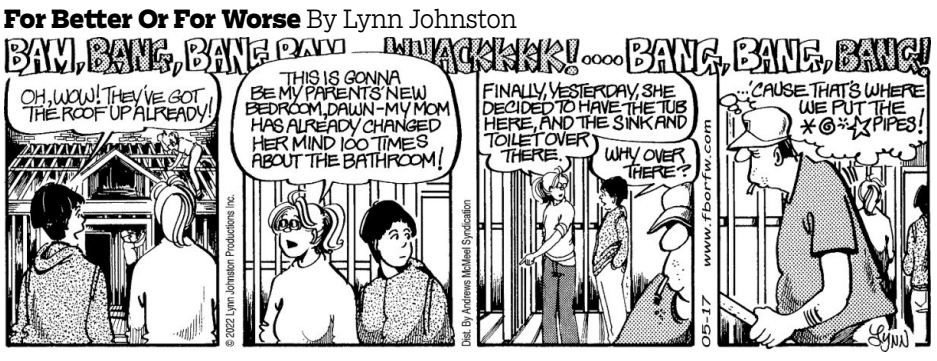
For Better Or For Worse By Lynn Johnston


BAM, BANG, BANG BAM!
WHACKKKK!....
BANG, BANG, BANG!
OH, WOW! THEY'VE GOT THE ROOF UP ALREADY!
THIS IS GONNA BE MY PARENTS' NEW BEDROOM, DAWN - MY MOM HAS ALREADY CHANGED HER MIND 100 TIMES ABOUT THE BATHROOM!
FINALLY, YESTERDAY, SHE DECIDED TO HAVE THE TUB HERE, AND THE SINK AND TOILET OVER THERE.
WHY OVER THERE?
...'CAUSE THAT'S WHERE WE PUT THE PIPES!
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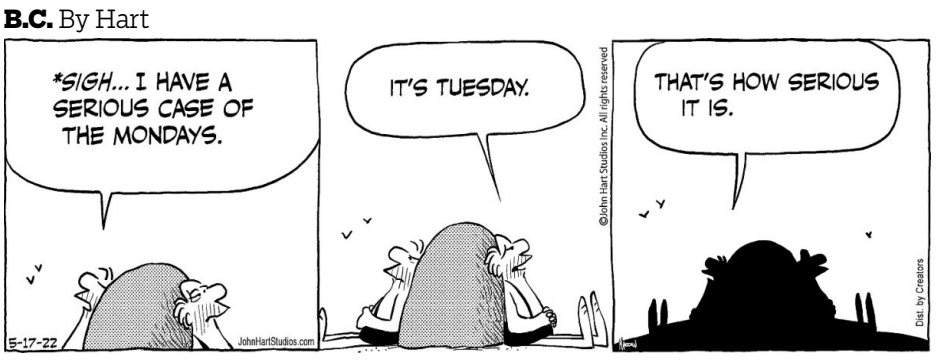
B.C. By Hart


*SIGH... I HAVE A SERIOUS CASE OF THE MONDAYS.
IT'S TUESDAY.
THAT'S HOW SERIOUS IT IS.
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Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker

WHY WON'T ANYONE PLAY CHESS WITH ME?
BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS WIN
BE SURE TO TELL EVERYONE THAT YOU BEAT ME
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GREG + MORT WALKER
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Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne

SHOW ME YOUR SCORE-CARD.
YOU HAVE TO AVOID THESE TRIPLE BOGEYS.
TELL ME SOMETHING I DON'T ALREADY KNOW.
HiandLois.com
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Jac Parker

Hagar The Horrible By Chris Browne

I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE A SATURDAY, DOESN'T IT, HELGA?
YES, IT SEEMS LIKE A SATURDAY...
AND EVERY OTHER DAY OF THE WEEK!
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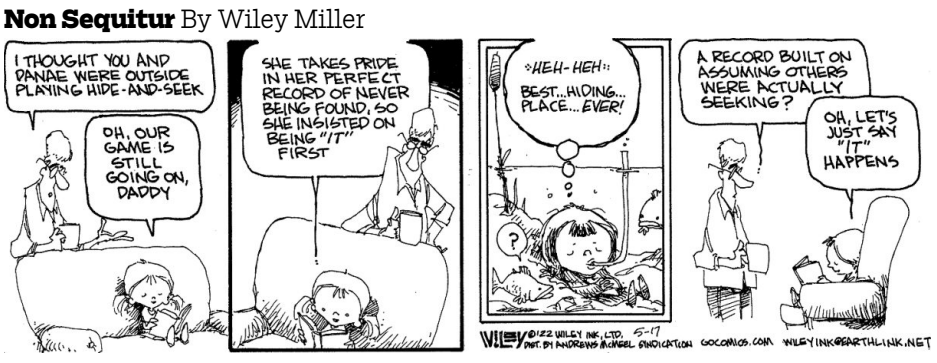
BROWNE

Non Sequitur By Wiley Miller


I THOUGHT YOU AND DANAE WERE OUTSIDE PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK
OH, OUR GAME IS STILL GOING ON, DADDY
SHE TAKES PRIDE IN HER PERFECT RECORD OF NEVER BEING FOUND, SO SHE INSISTED ON BEING "IT" FIRST
HEH-HEH BEST...HIDING... PLACE... EVER!
A RECORD BUILT ON ASSUMING OTHERS WERE ACTUALLY SEEKING?
OH, LET'S JUST SAY "IT" HAPPENS
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Curtis By Ray Billingsley

CAN I HAVE A DOG?
BARRY, OUR PLACE IS TOO SMALL!
SKIP SKIP
OH, IT'D BE NO PROBLEM! I'D PLAY WITH IT, BRUSH IT AND TAKE IT FOR WALKS, AND I'D MAKE SURE IT HAS FOOD AND FRESH WATER!
AND IF IT EVER GOT SICK, I'D GLADLY DONATE A KIDNEY, EYEBALL OR BONE MARROW!
THIS KID REALLY WANTS A DOG!
I HEARD NO MENTION OF PICKIN' UP ITS POO!
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BRADLEY
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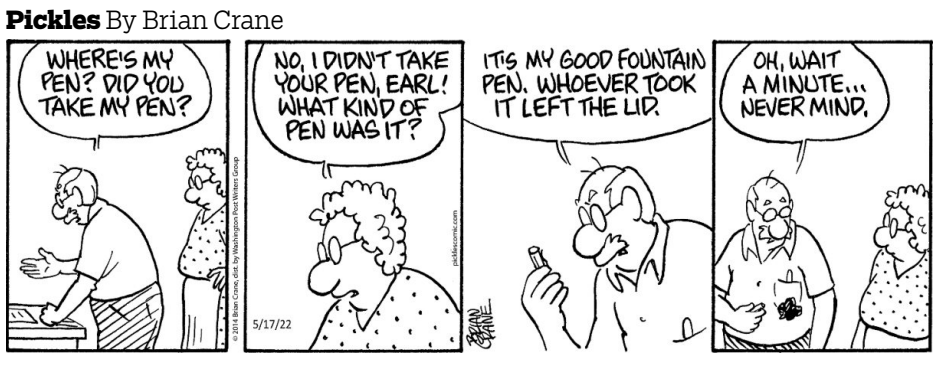
Pickles By Brian Crane


WHERE'S MY PEN? DID YOU TAKE MY PEN?
NO, I DIDN'T TAKE YOUR PEN, EARL! WHAT KIND OF PEN WAS IT?
IT'S MY GOOD FOUNTAIN PEN. WHOEVER TOOK IT LEFT THE LID.
OH, WAIT A MINUTE... NEVER MIND.
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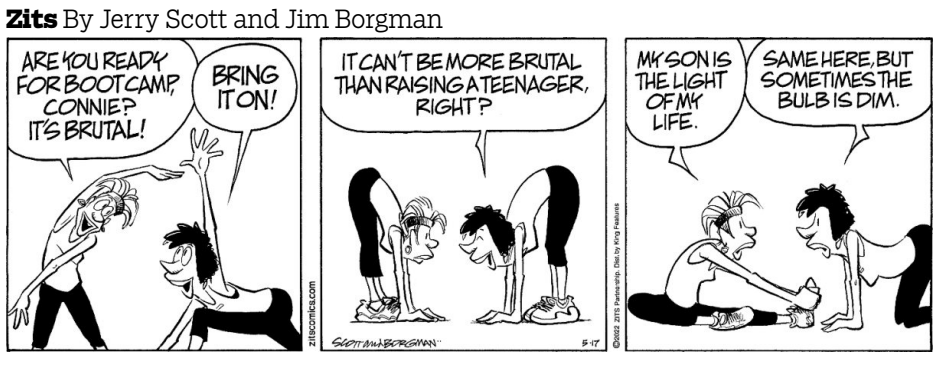
ARE YOU READY FOR BOOT CAMP, CONNIE? IT'S BRUTAL!
BRING IT ON!
IT CAN'T BE MORE BRUTAL THAN RAISING A TEENAGER, RIGHT?
MY SON IS THE LIGHT OF MY LIFE.
SAME HERE, BUT SOMETIMES THE BULB IS DIM.
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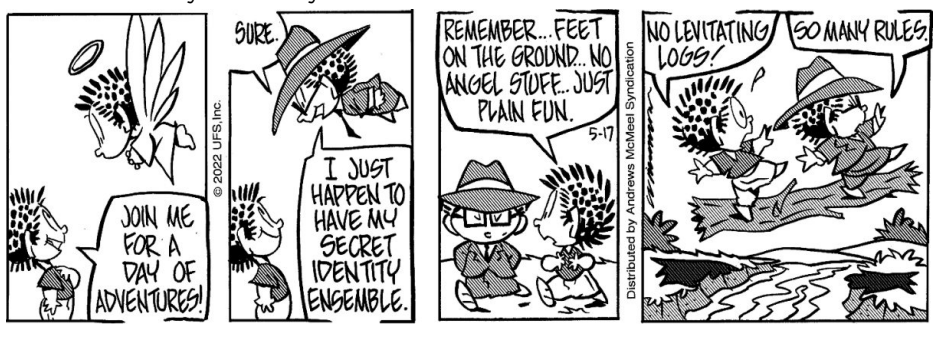
Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady and Don Wimmer


JOIN ME FOR A DAY OF ADVENTURES!
SURE.
I JUST HAPPEN TO HAVE MY SECRET IDENTITY ENSEMBLE.
REMEMBER... FEET ON THE GROUND... NO ANGEL STUFF... JUST PLAIN FUN.
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NO LEVITATING LOGS!
SO MANY RULES.
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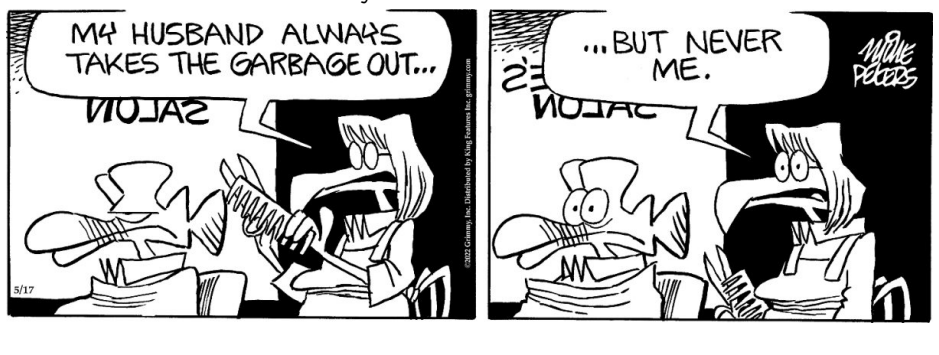
Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



CROSSWORD

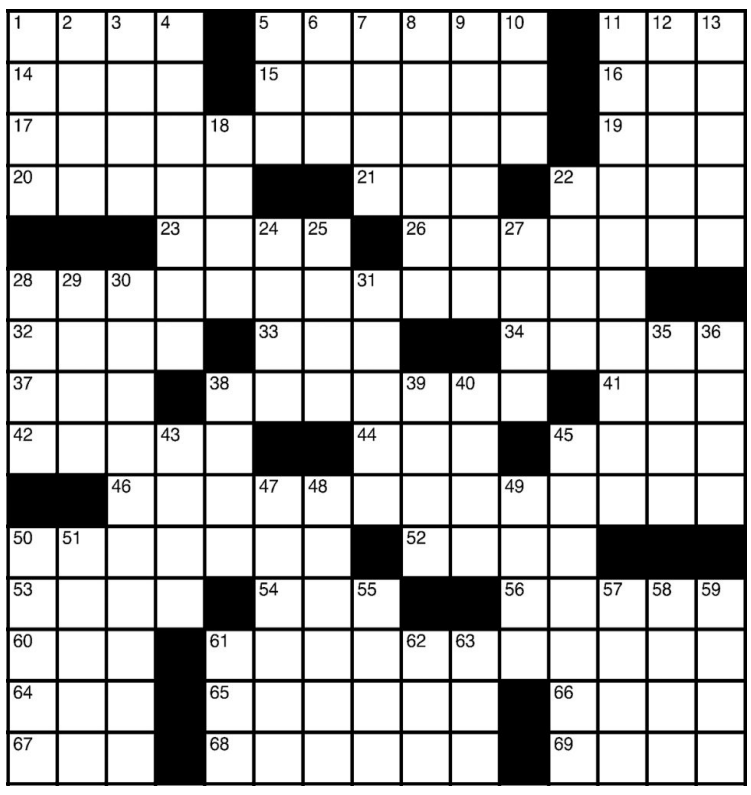
EDITED BY RICH NORRIS AND JOYCE NICHOLS LEWIS

Across

1 Item sold with an envelope
5 Olive Garden selections
11 "Dropped" drug
14 Nabisco cookie
15 Wool source
16 Reverent feeling
17 *Saddle attachment for a tall jockey?
19 "__ I help you?"
20 Supplement
21 Sweet potato kin
22 Targets
23 Oodles
26 "I Dream of __"
28 *Stevedore school instruction?
32 "A Sorta Fairytale" singer Tori
33 Shop __ you drop
34 Thaw, as a wing
37 Familial nickname
38 Billiards stick
41 Org. with seven teams in Canada
42 One-named "Hello" singer
44 Swiss peak
45 Air conditioner nos.
46 *Relaxing exercise for skydivers?
50 Beach scavenger
52 Tusked beast
53 See 69-Across
54 "Wanda-Vision" actress Dennings
56 Thesaurus name
60 Pretty-picture link
61 Trousers, and what the answer to each starred clue literally is
64 Albertan's last letter
65 __ milk
66 Polling results, say
67 Project conclusion?
68 Title usually abbreviated
69 With 53-Across, "The Mandalorian" franchise

Down

1 Fast-food beverage
2 Three-time A.L. MVP
3 Tear apart
4 Military IDs
5 Basketball coach Summitt in the Hall of Fame
6 "Baby Cobra" comedian Wong
7 Nimble
8 __ P. Henson of "Empire"
9 Keen insight
10 Tree goo
11 Giving an earful
12 Hindu teacher
13 Tightly packed
18 Recital piece
22 Novelist Tyler
24 Miranda of "Homeland"
25 Rascal Flatts, e.g.
27 Deputy
28 Where to find a cocina
29 In a group of
30 Annual floral procession in Pasadena
31 God to more than two billion
35 Guzzle
36 "Frozen" sister
38 Chile neighbor
39 Driver or putter
40 Capable of
43 Drops back
45 Detour routes, often
47 High-pH compound
48 Insurance filings
49 Wyatt of the Old West
50 Language of Southern Africa
51 Artist's stand
55 Brisk pace
57 Puny pest
58 Blues legend James
59 Russian sovereign
61 Nonstick spray brand
62 Common Scrabble tile value
63 Pres. on a dime



By Doug Peterson — Tribune Content Agency 5/17/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 4 3
♥ 6 5 3
♦ A K Q 2
♣ A Q J 4

WEST
♠ 8 2
♥ K 9 8
♦ 10 8 7 4
♣ 8 7 5 2

EAST
♠ A K J 10 7 6 5
♥ 10
♦ 9 6 3
♣ 10 9

SOUTH
♠ Q 9
♥ A Q J 7 4 2
♦ J 5
♣ K 6 3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♦	3 ♠	4 ♥

Opening lead — eight of spades.

Stop, look and think

Assume you, East, are defending against four hearts after the auction shown. Your partner leads the eight of spades, and you take the king and ace as everyone follows suit. What would you do next?

More than a few players might lead the ten of hearts at this point. They would reason that a diamond or club return into dummy's strong holdings would be pointless, while a spade return would yield a ruff-and-discard. By a process of elimination, the trump shift would thus seem the safest course of action.

This line of reasoning is fallacious, however. While the trump return may appear safe, it does nothing to further the chances of defeating the contract. In effect, it merely maintains the status quo.

East should reason instead that unless the defense can score two trump tricks, the contract cannot be defeated. If West happens to have two natural heart winners, then it won't make any difference what East returns at trick three. West will get his two trump tricks, and South will go down one.

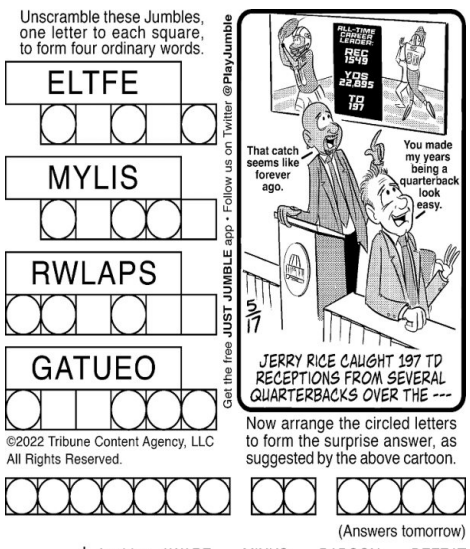
While East is entitled to nurture this hope, he should at the same time ask himself what might be done if West has only one natural trump winner. In that case, it may be possible to promote a second trump trick for West by returning a spade at this point, purposely conceding a ruff-and-discard. Declarer is hardly likely to benefit from this since all of his side-suit cards are apparent winners.'

As the cards lie, this plan succeeds. If South ruffs the spade with the heart jack, West carefully refuses to overruff and later scores both the king and nine of hearts. If declarer does anything else at trick three, West is equally certain to get two trump tricks. Once East overcomes the stigma of yielding a ruff-and-discard, all roads lead to down one.

Tomorrow: Card-reading.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK


Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.
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MYLIS
RWLAPS
GATUEO
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That catch seems like forever ago.
You made my years being a quarterback look easy.
JERRY RICE CAUGHT 197 TD RECEPTIONS FROM SEVERAL QUARTERBACKS OVER THE ---
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AWARE MINUS BABOON DEFEAT
Answer: Interstate 95 in New England's largest state is a — "MAINE" ROAD

TODAY'S SUDOKU

2					1			
	6						1	
3			6		4		2	8
	1	4				2		
5			2		8			9
		6				4	8	
1	5		9		6			4
	3						7	
			1					2

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1	6	4	2	5	7	3	9	8
2	3	9	8	6	4	7	5	1
5	8	7	1	3	9	4	2	6
4	9	6	5	1	2	8	3	7
8	1	2	7	4	3	5	6	9
7	5	3	6	9	8	2	1	4
6	7	1	4	2	5	9	8	3
9	2	8	3	7	1	6	4	5
3	4	5	9	8	6	1	7	2

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

H	I	T	M	E	■	S	A	S	S	■	P	H	I	L
O	G	R	E	S	■	I	N	K	S	■	R	O	S	E
G	L	A	D	T	O	D	O	I	T	■	E	L	L	A
S	O	I	L	■	C	E	N	T	■	U	D	D	E	R
■	O	N	E	B	C	■	■	O	M	N	I	■	■	■
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T	U	B	■	U	R	A	L	■	T	I	T	T	E	R
A	D	O	R	N	■	P	E	P	■	K	S	T	A	R
D	O	N	U	T	S	■	N	I	T	E	■	O	N	S
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Zippy By Bill Griffith

"FALSE ALARM"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. THE TOAD ISN'T YELLING... WHAT'S HE UP TO, SHELF-LIFE?
IT APPEARS THAT HE'S JUST CHILLING WITH A DECAF CAPPUCCINO.
I'M FRIGHTENED, SHELF-LIFE. BEFORE HE POUNCES, THE TOAD often SEEMS RELAXED...
IT IS A TAD CONCERNING I'LL GRANT YOU THAT--
5-17
MAYBE THIS IS A NEW SIDE TO THE TOAD, A KINDER, LESS TOXIC SIDE...
IF THAT'S TRUE, WHAT AM I GONNA DO WITH ALL THOSE "FEAR YOUR INNER TOAD" T-SHIRTS I JUST PUT UP ON eBay?
HEH, HEH!!
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FACT #341
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When someone uses chitchat, noises, or mannerisms to distract or mislead an opponent during poker or another game, it's called "coffeehousing."

FACT #178
Genuphobia is the fear of knees.

FACT #238
Actress Marilyn Monroe colored her hair using a shade of blond called dirty pillow slip.

FACT #279
Before Sir Thomas More was beheaded in 1535, he moved his lengthy beard aside, saying it "had never committed any treason."

FACT #302
Tweety Bird, the animated Looney Tunes character, was originally pink. But censors complained that Tweety looked naked, so animators gave the bird yellow feathers.

FACT #408
Joe Charbonneau, a Belvedere, Ill., native, who played outfield for the Cleveland Indians in the early '80s , used to open beer bottles with his eye socket and drink beer through a straw in his nose.

FACT #459
When actor Clint Eastwood ran for mayor of Carmel, California, in 1986, a major issue was ice cream. Town leaders had banned the sale of ice cream cones, incensing Eastwood and his supporters. They won and overturned the ordinance.

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Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina

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UCONN ATHLETICS

Mora fitting in well with school's veteran coaches

Dom Amore

SOUTHINGTON — When Jim Mora arrived on campus at UConn, he found a large reservoir of coaching expertise, a group of veteran coaches ready to embrace him and show him the lay of the land.

Early on, for example, Mora and Geno Auriemma broke bread at Cafè Aura.

"We've had dinner a couple of times," said Auriemma, the UConn women's basketball coach and proprietor of that particular bistro. "They bring their team around a lot, when they have recruits around. He's got a lot of stories, a lot of experience at a lot of different levels, a lot of interests outside of football. Just a very interesting guy. To hear him describe it, I just think it's the perfect place for him at this time in his life."

Mora says Auriemma, 11-time national champ and runner-up this past season, did much of the talking. We'll take his word for that.

"I had dinner with Geno, and I didn't open my mouth," Mora said. "I just sat and listened, and I wished I had a tape recorder or a notebook so I could take notes and recreate that night."

Dan Hurley and Jim Mora have a conversation at the UConn Coaches Road Show in Southington on Monday night. **DOM AMORE/ HARTFORD COURANT**

This is not a given at any university. The stereotypical image at least is of the football coach holding himself above other coaches on campus. So far at UConn, Mora, a former head

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NBA PLAYOFFS CELTICS VS. HEAT

Spoelstra, Udoka have teams set for East finals

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

MIAMI — He grew up in Portland, basketball in his blood. Wasn't exactly a big-time recruit before eventually playing some college ball in the West Coast Conference. Took a circuitous route into coaching, guided along the way by one of the game's legendary sideline bosses. And last summer, he was part of the brain trust that helped USA Basketball win Olympic gold.

That is Erik Spoelstra's story.

That is also Ime Udoka's story.

There is enormous respect between those men, who have known each other for decades and have deep ties. Spoelstra coaches the Miami Heat, Udoka is in his first season coaching the Boston Celtics, and one of them will be representing the Eastern Conference in the NBA Finals. Game 1 of the East title series is Tuesday night, the top-seeded Heat playing host to the second-seeded Celtics.

"We have great respect for what they've done during the regular season, to develop the

Turn to Celtics, *Page 4*

Up next

Celtics at Heat, Game 1
8:30 p.m., ESPN

YANKEES

The Yankees' Jose Trevino, right, celebrates his three-run home run with teammate Aaron Hicks in the fourth inning of Monday's game against the Orioles in Baltimore. The game wasn't over in time for this edition. Go to **courant.com/sports** for the result and story. **NICK WASS/AP**

Time to recharge

Judge gets a 'preventative maintenance day' in Baltimore

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

BALTIMORE — After playing 13 straight games, Aaron Judge was out of the Yankees' starting lineup for Monday night's series opener against the Orioles at Camden Yards. It is a preventative maintenance day, according to manager Aaron Boone.

"I was kind of targeting one day on this trip. I considered the [Sunday] day game [in Chicago], and he kind of powered through that. ..." Boone said. "Just kind of decided this was a good day."

He explained that between the day game, then traveling to Baltimore for a night game that Judge would get a day and a half to rest.

Judge is leading the majors with 12 home runs and is slashing a ridiculous .296/.369/.632 with a 194 OPS+.

This is part of the workload management that the Yankees hope will not only keep Judge healthy this season, but Giancarlo Stanton and the rest of their roster.

Considering they are in the middle of playing 23 games in 22 days — their next scheduled off day isn't until May 30 — Boone is keeping an eye out to give most of his lineup a day here and there.

"I think they can all use one [as] we're going through this stretch," Boone said. "Judge started this stretch by playing in the doubleheader, so I mean, anytime we do a stretch [like this], I think they can use [the off day]. I think it's beneficial and serves them well moving forward."

Rizzo grinding: Anthony Rizzo

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Ellington wins pitchers' duel over Rockville, 5-2

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

VERNON — Key Flaherty had struck out three times against Rockville pitcher Lexi Real on Monday, but she wasn't the only one.

The Ellington batters had struck out 15 times heading into the top of the seventh inning, with the score tied in the NCCC softball game.

Flaherty, a sophomore, figured it out and with two outs, tripled to center, then scored the go-ahead run when Bryn Eckels singled to center. Ellington scored three runs in the top of the seventh en route to a 5-2 victory over Rockville (11-6).

Real had 16 strikeouts; Ellington freshman pitcher Camryn Fisher struck out 15 for the win.

Fisher struck out the last two batters and had three strikeouts in the bottom of the seventh just before the skies opened up. She gave up three hits and four walks for the Purple Knights, who have won 15 straight games after losing to Haddam-Killingworth in the first game of the season.

"If both teams were error-free, we would have been playing till midnight because nobody would have scored a run," Ellington coach Tom Gordon said. "That was just a great game."

And Rockville lost another tough one: The Rams lost to E.O. Smith 1-0 Saturday on a walk-off in the seventh.

"Ellington, they had some quality hits. The third, fourth time through the lineup, they started to make adjustments and they got the job done," Rockville coach Marissa Morris said.

"Our defense could have fielded more cleanly, that would have kept us in the game, kept the score either tied or closer than it ended up at the end of the game, but other than that, it was an all-around pitchers' duel."

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SUN

With full roster nearly back in fold, decisions looming

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

Through the first two games of the WNBA season, the Connecticut Sun were without two vital pieces of their rotation. Guard Courtney Williams was on a two-game suspension, and DeWanna Bonner was wrapping up competition overseas in Turkey.

The Sun (1-1) will have both of those players back on Tuesday night in a rematch with the New York Liberty (1-3) at Barclays Center. The game starts at 7 p.m. and will stream on NESN+.

Connecticut lost its season opener against the same team in the same venue, 81-79, but it was without Williams and Bonner, who were both WNBA All-Star selections last season. Williams' suspension is up, so her return is a given. Bonner got back to the United States from Turkey late Friday night/early Saturday morning, sat on the bench in street clothes for Saturday's game and was set to undergo medical testing on Monday.

Sun head coach and general manager Curt Miller said he feels like he can take a breath knowing that Bonner is back, but there's also no denying the challenge that now lies ahead, both in terms of her adjusting back into a groove with the team and with how the Sun's rotation will shape out.

"It's a tough ask just to jump in and have chemistry and not have practiced at all," Miller said. "So we will be tinkering for a long time until we feel good that we've been able to practice and get it together. So everybody's got to [have] a little bit of patience with us this year."

Now that Miller has both Bonner and Williams available, he'll have to make some important lineup decisions. He's never had the six All-Star players of Jonquel Jones, Alyssa Thomas, Brionna Jones, Jasmine Thomas, Bonner and Williams all at his disposal.

Last season, Miller played a starting five of Jasmine Thomas, Briann January (now with Seattle Storm), Bonner, Jonquel Jones and Brionna Jones. Williams was on the Atlanta Dream for the past two years, while Alyssa Thomas was out the majority of the season with a torn Achilles tendon and then came off the bench once she did return for two regular-season games and the playoffs.

A year before that, Jonquel Jones opted out of the "wubble" COVID-19 season. And in 2019, when Williams was with the team, Bonner wasn't and Brionna Jones, the league's reigning most improved player, was nowhere near the caliber of player that she is now — she only played 8.4 minutes per

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Up next

Sun at Liberty
7 p.m., NESN+

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Celtics: Eastern Conference Finals: at Miami (Game 1), Tuesday, 8:30 p.m.; at Miami (Game 2), Thursday, 8:30 p.m.; vs. Miami (Game 3), Saturday, 8:30 p.m.
Rangers: NHL Second Round: at Hurricanes (Game 1), Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Hurricanes (Game 2), Friday, 8 p.m.; vs. Hurricanes (Game 3), Sunday, 3:30 p.m.
Red Sox: Astros, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Astros, Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Mariners, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: at Orioles, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Thursday, 12:30 p.m.
Mets: Cardinals (2), Tuesday, 3 p.m.; Cardinals, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Cardinals, Thursday, 1 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Bowie, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; at Bowie, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; at Bowie, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Sun: at Liberty, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Fever, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Fever, Sunday, 2 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: at Tulsa, Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; Phoenix, May 28, 7 p.m.; at El Paso, June 4, 9:30 p.m.

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7 p.m.: Florida State at Florida. (Live) SEC
7 p.m.: Astros at Red Sox. (Live) NESN TBS. Radio: 1080
7 p.m.: Yankees at Orioles. (Live) YES. Radio: 97.9
7 p.m.: Cardinals at Mets. (Live) SNY. Radio: 880
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BASKETBALL
7 p.m.: WNBA Sun at Liberty. (Live) NESN+ YES app
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10 p.m.: WNBA Mercury at Aces. (Live) CBSSN
HOCKEY
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1 p.m.: IIHF World Championship Switzerland vs Kazakhstan. (Live) NHL
7 p.m.: Lightning at Panthers. (Live) TNT
9:30 p.m.: Blues at Avalanche. (Live) TNT
SOCCER
2:45 p.m.: Premier League Southampton vs Liverpool. (Live) USA

METS

Mets, Cards to play doubleheader Tuesday

By Deesha Thosar
New York Daily News

Monday's Mets-Cardinals game was postponed hours ahead of its scheduled start because of thunderstorms in the forecast. **MARY ALTAFFER/AP**

NEW YORK — It was humid, and the sun was poking out of the clouds above Citi Field when the Mets announced that due to severe weather forecast for later in the evening, their series opener against the Cardinals on Monday was postponed.

The matchup was rescheduled as part of a single-admission doubleheader Tuesday beginning at 3:10 p.m. The gates at Citi Field will open one hour before first pitch. The second game will begin 30-40 minutes following the conclusion of the first.

"With severe weather in the area, we are thinking about everyone's safety, so tonight's game has been postponed," the Mets said in a statement.

The rain, though flagged as a severe thunderstorm watch, was expected to clear out of Flushing by the 7:10 p.m. first pitch Monday. The Mets did not make a team official available to provide clarity on their decision, as the home team, to postpone the game.

But a doubleheader Tuesday may just work to the Amazin's benefit considering their sub-optimal pitching plans.

Taijuan Walker will take the mound Tuesday on his scheduled start day, and Trevor Williams will get another one of those starts, but as of Monday evening the team did not announce which order they will pitch in.

With Tylor Megill (right biceps tendinitis) landing on the injured list retroactive to May 12, the Mets were in need of a spot starter for Monday. Right-hander Williams, typically the team's long relief option out of the bullpen, was scheduled to pitch Monday's series opener against Cardinals right-hander Miles Mikolas. But Williams was likely not the Mets' first choice against a 19-15 second-place St. Louis squad.

The Mets have a 5-1 record in doubleheaders this season. They will look to rebound after a tough loss against the Mariners at home Sunday, which led to their first series loss of the season — after a franchise record 9-0-1 start to the year.

There may even be some animosity lingering between the Cards and Mets after the two teams brawled at Busch Stadium the last time they played each other, just three weeks ago. The Mets, who lead the majors with 24 hit by pitches, were emotional after the Cardinals drilled yet another Met, J.D. Davis, which partly led to the benches-clearing incident in St. Louis.

Tuesday will be the first time the Cardinals and Mets meet since the kerfuffle in the series finale, a 10-5 Mets loss, at Busch Stadium on April 27.

RED SOX

Sale progressing, targets June return

By Steve Hewitt
Boston Herald

The Red Sox's Alex Verdugo hits into a fielder's choice, driving home Enrique Hernandez in the fourth inning against the Astros on Monday night. **STEVEN SENNE/AP**

BOSTON — Chris Sale has resumed playing catch after having a setback recently, which is significant progress as the Red Sox left-hander targets a June return.

"Where we were a few weeks ago, to that, that's a big step," Red Sox manager Alex Cora said.

Sale suffered a stress fracture in his right rib cage in March, which eventually led to the Red Sox placing him on the 60-day injured list to start the season. He is eligible to return in early June, but Red Sox chief baseball officer Chaim Bloom said on May 7 that Sale had a "personal medical issue" that required him to stop throwing. Bloom said that pushed Sale's return timetable at least a few weeks, making it likely Sale will be back in late June at the earliest.

Sale is one of several Red Sox pitchers trying to work their way back from injuries.

Right-hander Michael Wacha, who's on the injured list with left intercostal irritation, threw a two-inning simulated game of about 35 pitches at Fenway Park on Monday. He is eligible to come off the injured list Friday, and he could potentially start a game then or after.

"Let's see how it feels after that, how he feels tomorrow, then we'll make a decision if it's right after, when he can come out on Friday, or Saturday," Cora said.

Left-hander James Paxton has not resumed throwing yet after developing posterior elbow soreness a few weeks ago as he rehabs from Tommy John surgery. He's continuing to receive regular treatment.

"Nothing on the field, but feeling a lot better," Cora said.

Left-hander Josh Taylor was transferred to the 60-day injured list over the weekend after recently suffering a setback in his recovery from the back strain that's kept him out since spring training. He won't be eligible to return until July.

"Obviously disappointed that it wasn't as quick as he thought, but he's going to keep getting treatment, keep getting better, and hopefully he can progress to do what he needs to do when he comes back," Cora said.

Rockville's Katherine Larson attempts a bunt against Ellington freshman pitcher Cam Fisher, but Ellington third baseman Sydney Matz fielded the ball and threw Larson out at first to end the third inning with two Rockville runners on. Ellington won the NCCC softball game, 5-2, Monday afternoon at Rockville High. **LORI RILEY/ HARTFORD COURANT**

Ellington

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Ellington got one runner on in the first three innings as Real controlled the game, but the Purple Knights reached base and scored on an error in the fourth, and Kat Czyz, who was 2 for 3, singled home another run to make it 2-0.

Fisher got out of a bases-loaded jam in the fourth with a strikeout, but Rockville scored two runs in the fifth, when Lila Ward reached first on an error then scored, along with Hannah Lake, who reached base on a walk, on Real's double to left.

In the seventh inning, Eckels scored on a double by Sydney Matz for the final score.

"We've got pretty good hitters up and down the lineup, but I was shocked, my three best hitters had like nine-10 strikeouts between them," Gordon said. "In the last inning, they got it done."

Said Flaherty of Real: "She was really good. She had a lot of movement on her pitches.

"Our whole team was just together, picking each other up. Camryn did an awesome job on the mound, and everyone was all together."

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Yankees

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began the season with a bang, but his power numbers have stalled in the last two weeks. The first baseman is hitting .143/.234/.214 with a .448 OPS over his last 13 games. He has not hit a home run since April 29 in Kansas City.

"I actually feel like the last two days have been a little bit better, and even yesterday where he just missed a couple balls. I remember at home, he had a ball on one of those windy days to center that he didn't get rewarded for," Boone said. "So he's just missed some balls, and I do feel like the last couple of days he's been getting a better swing off.

"For about a week leading up to that, I felt like he was a little off and miss-hitting some balls just enough. But I do feel like he's coming in the last day or two."

Overall, Rizzo's lefty bat has been a big contributor to the Yankees lineup this season. Rizzo is hitting .225/.340/.508 with nine home runs, an .849 OPS and 151 OPS+.

Cortes deactivates account after old tweets surface: Yankees left-hander Nestor Cortes said he deactivated his Twitter account after screenshots surfaced Sunday of tweets from a decade ago that included racial slurs.

Cortes appeared to be quoting rap lyrics in at least some of the tweets, and he did not seem to be using the words to demean anyone directly.

"I felt like it wasn't the right message that I wanted to send out, when I was 17 years old," Cortes said before Monday's game against Baltimore. "Those happened 10 years ago. I deactivated my Twitter to clean stuff up.

"It's not acceptable. I think I could have managed myself and said stuff differently. But I'm here today to say that I'm going to work on it and fix it."

An Associated Press report is included in this notebook.

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BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	25	9	.735	—	—	7-3	W-1	14-4	11-5
Tampa Bay	21	14	.600	4 ½	—	6-4	W-1	11-8	10-6
Toronto	18	17	.514	7 ½	—	3-7	L-1	10-6	8-11
Baltimore	14	21	.400	11 ½	4	5-5	L-3	9-7	5-14
Boston	13	21	.382	12	4 ½	3-7	L-1	4-9	9-12
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Minnesota	20	15	.571	—	—	5-5	W-1	13-8	7-7
Chicago	16	17	.485	3	1	6-4	L-1	9-10	7-7
Cleveland	16	17	.485	3	1	6-4	L-1	7-5	9-12
Kansas City	12	20	.375	6 ½	4 ½	4-6	W-1	6-9	6-11
Detroit	12	23	.343	8	6	4-6	W-3	9-13	3-10
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Houston	23	12	.657	—	—	9-1	W-1	9-4	14-8
Los Angeles	24	13	.649	—	—	7-3	W-2	12-7	12-6
Seattle	16	19	.457	7	2	4-6	W-1	9-7	7-12
Texas	14	19	.424	8	3	5-5	W-1	7-12	7-7
Oakland	15	22	.405	9	4	5-5	L-2	5-12	10-10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	23	13	.639	—	—	5-5	L-1	10-7	13-6
Philadelphia	17	18	.486	5 ½	2 ½	6-4	L-1	9-9	8-9
Atlanta	16	19	.457	6 ½	3 ½	5-5	L-1	10-11	6-8
Miami	15	19	.441	7	4	3-7	L-1	7-9	8-10
Washington	12	24	.333	11	8	3-7	L-1	5-15	7-9
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Milwaukee	22	13	.629	—	—	5-5	W-1	10-4	12-9
St. Louis	19	15	.559	2 ½	—	5-5	W-2	10-8	9-7
Pittsburgh	15	19	.441	6 ½	4	5-5	W-2	9-10	6-9
Chicago	13	20	.394	8	5 ½	4-6	W-2	4-11	9-9
Cincinnati	9	26	.257	13	10 ½	6-4	L-2	5-9	4-17
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Los Angeles	21	12	.636	—	—	5-5	W-1	11-5	10-7
San Diego	22	13	.629	—	—	6-4	W-1	10-7	12-6
San Francisco	20	14	.588	1 ½	—	6-4	L-2	11-7	9-7
Arizona	18	17	.514	4	1 ½	6-4	L-2	10-11	8-6
Colorado	17	17	.500	4 ½	2	3-7	L-1	12-7	5-10

BOX SCORES

LATE SUNDAY
ST. LOUIS 15, SAN FRANCISCO 6

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Wade Jr. rf	5	0	0	0	2	.273
Belt 1b	3	0	0	0	0	.253
Casali 1b	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Flores 2b	4	1	1	0	1	.266
Pederson dh	3	1	1	2	0	.244
Ruf lf	0	1	0	0	0	.223
Yastrzemski cf	2	0	0	0	1	.259
Slater cf	1	0	0	0	0	.259
Longoria 3b	4	0	2	0	0	.214
Crawford ss	2	0	0	0	1	.211
b-Estrada ph-ss	2	1	0	0	1	.238
Gonzalez lf-p	4	1	2	3	0	.349
Bart c	3	1	1	1	0	.185
TOTALS	**33**	**6**	**7**	**6**	**6**	
St. Louis	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Edman 2b	5	2	1	0	1	.273
Goldschmidt 1b	4	3	3	3	0	.312
Dickerson lf	2	0	0	0	0	.190
Arenado 3b	3	2	1	2	0	.312
Donovan 3b	1	1	0	0	0	.308
Yepez lf-1b	4	2	2	0	0	.366
Pujols dh-p	3	2	2	1	0	.239
Molina c	3	1	2	4	0	.253
a-Knizner ph-c	1	0	1	3	0	.245
Carlson rf	5	0	2	1	1	.220
Bader cf	5	1	1	0	0	.231
Sosa ss	5	1	2	1	1	.206
TOTALS	**41**	**15**	**17**	**15**	**3**	

San Francisco	**000**	**002**	**004**	**—**	**6**	**7**	**2**
St. Louis	**401**	**422**	**20x**	**—**	**15**	**17**	**0**

a-singled for Molina in the 6th. b-struck out for Crawford in the 7th. **E:** Longoria (1), Gonzalez (3). **LOB:** San Francisco 4, St. Louis 9. **2B:** Flores (7), Pujols (2), Goldschmidt 2(11). HR: Pederson (7), off Wainwright; Gonzalez (2), off Pujols; Bart (4), off Pujols; Goldschmidt (4), off Rodon; Arenado (8), off Littell; Molina (2), off Littell. **RBIs:** Pederson 2(14), Gonzalez 3(15), Bart (7), Goldschmidt 3(20), Molina 4(6), Pujols (6), Sosa (1), Arenado 2(29), Knizner 3(9), Carlson (10). SB: Bader (8). **Runners left in scoring position:** San Francisco 0; St. Louis 5(Sosa 2, Bader 2, Pujols). **RISP:** San Francisco 2for 3; St. Louis 7 for 13. **GIDP:** Gonzalez. **DP:** St. Louis 1 (Donovan, Sosa, Yepez).

SAN FRANCISCO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rodon, L, 4-2	3⅔	10	8	8	1	3	3.49
Littell	1⅓	3	3	3	1	0	5.54
Marte	1⅔	3	4	2	4	0	7.71
Gonzalez	1⅓	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
ST. LOUIS	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Wnwright, W, 4-3	6	3	2	2	2	5	3.15
McFarland	1	1	0	0	0	1	6.00
VerHagen	1	0	0	0	1	0	4.76
Pujols	1	3	4	4	1	0	36.00

Inherited runners-scored: Littell 1-1, Gonzalez 3-1. **HBP:** Marte (Knizner). **Umpires:** Home, Greg Gibson; First, Phil Cuzzi; Second, Nick Mahrley; Third, Will Little. T: 3:05. **A:** 39,703(45,494).

LATE SUNDAY
KANSAS CITY 8, COLORADO 7

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Mrrifield rf-2b	4	1	2	2	0	.183
Taylor cf	3	0	0	0	1	.228
Perez dh	5	0	1	2	1	.209
Santana 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.143
Dozier lf-3b	5	0	2	0	0	.282
Witt Jr. ss	2	2	1	1	0	.217
Melendez c	3	1	0	0	1	.217
Rivera 3b	3	2	2	3	0	.240
a-Bnntndi ph-lf	0	1	0	0	0	.316
Lopez 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.190
b-O'Hearn ph	1	0	1	0	0	.167
1-Isbel pr-rf	0	1	0	0	0	.185
TOTALS	**33**	**8**	**9**	**8**	**4**	
Colorado	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Joe dh	4	1	1	0	1	.282
Daza cf	5	1	2	2	0	.383
Cron 1b	4	1	1	1	2	.305
McMahon 3b	3	1	0	1	0	.254
Rodgers 2b	5	1	2	0	0	.216
Grichuk rf	4	0	1	2	1	.268
Diaz c	3	1	1	1	0	.222
Hilliard lf	4	0	0	0	1	.169
Hampson ss	3	1	1	0	1	.192
TOTALS	**35**	**7**	**9**	**7**	**6**	

Kansas City	**000**	**021**	**302**	**—**	**8**	**9**	**1**
Colorado	**000**	**000**	**700**	**—**	**7**	**9**	**0**

a-walked for Rivera in the 9th. b-singled for Lopez in the 9th. 1-ran for O'Hearn in the 9th. **E:** Lopez (4). **LOB:** Kansas City 6, Colorado 8. **2B:** Rivera (1), Daza (2). HR: Rivera (1), off Gomber; Merrifield (2), off Gomber; Witt Jr. (3), off Chacin. **RBIs:** Rivera 3 (6), Merrifield 2(13), Witt Jr. (14), Perez 2(16), Daza 2(7), Cron (25), McMahon (16), Grichuk 2(18), Diaz (7). CS: Dozier (2), Joe (2). SF: Merrifield, Diaz. **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 1(Dozier); Colorado 3(Rodgers, Diaz, Grichuk). **RISP:** Kansas City 2for 7; Colorado 4for 10. **Runners moved up:** Melendez, Lopez. **GIDP:** Taylor. **DP:** Colorado 1(Hampson, Rodgers, Cron).

KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lynch	5⅓	3	0	0	4	4	3.30
Snider, H, 5	⅔	1	1	1	0	0	4.50
Garrett	⅓	0	2	2	2	0	4.35
Clarke	⅔	4	4	2	0	0	2.63
Staumont, W, 1-0	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.95
Barlow, S, 4-5	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.15
COLORADO	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Gomber	6	4	3	3	3	3	4.38
Chacin	⅔	2	3	3	2	0	8.22
Stephenson	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	6.14
Kinley, H, 7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.68
Brd, L, 1-1, BS, 9-11	1	2	2	2	2	1	3.65

Inherited runners-scored: Snider 2-0, Garrett 1-0, Clarke 3-3, Stephenson 1-0. **WP:** Bard. **Umpires:** Home, Vic Carapazza; First, Jansen Visconti; Second, Jerry Meals; Third, Ed Hickox. T: 3:23. **A:** 34,505(50,445).

LATE SUNDAY
L.A. ANGELS 4, OAKLAND 1

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Ward rf	5	1	2	0	3	.385
Trout cf	4	1	1	0	1	.312
Ohtani dh	3	1	1	2	0	.257
Rendon 3b	4	0	2	1	1	.227
Walsh 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.240
Marsh lf	4	1	1	0	1	.284
Wallach c	4	0	0	0	3	.158
Wade 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.247
Velazquez ss	4	0	1	1	2	.190
TOTALS	**36**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**15**	
Oakland	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Kemp 2b	2	0	0	0	0	.212
Lowrie dh	4	1	1	0	0	.222
Laureano rf	4	0	1	0	0	.176
Pinder lf	2	0	2	0	0	.253
Murphy c	3	0	0	1	1	.192
Bethancourt 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.231
Andrus ss	4	0	1	0	0	.219
Smith 3b	2	0	0	0	1	.188
a-Barrera ph	1	0	0	0	0	.333
Pache cf	2	0	0	0	1	.157
b-Brown ph	1	0	0	0	0	.158
TOTALS	**29**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**4**	

Los Angeles	**200**	**000**	**011**	**—**	**4**	**8**	**0**
Oakland	**001**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**1**	**5**	**2**

a-lined out for Smith in the 9th. b-popped out for Pache in the 9th. **E:** Andrus (6), Kemp (4). **LOB:** Los Angeles 6, Oakland 10. **2B:** Rendon (7), Velazquez (5), Pinder (4). 3B: Ward (2). HR: Ohtani (8), off Montas. **RBIs:** Ohtani 2(26), Rendon (18), Velazquez (6), Murphy (18). SB: Pinder (2), Laureano (2). CS: Ohtani (3). S: Smith, Pinder, Kemp. **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 3(Walsh, Marsh, Ward); Oakland 8(Murphy 2, Kemp, Andrus, Laureano, Bethancourt 3). **RISP:** Los Angeles 2for 9; Oakland 0for 11. **Runners moved up:** Ohtani, Wallach, Wade, Murphy.

LOS ANGELES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sandoval, W, 2-1	6⅓	4	1	1	4	4	1.91
Herget, S, 1-1	2⅔	1	0	0	0	0	3.32
OAKLAND	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Montas, L, 2-4	6	4	2	2	1	12	3.67
Jackson	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.38
Jimenez	⅔	2	1	1	0	0	0.66
Puk	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.59
Kolarek	⅔	2	1	1	0	0	3.55
Acevedo	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	3.71

Inherited runners-scored: Herget 1-0, Puk 1-0, Acevedo 1-0. IBB: off Montas (Ohtani). **HBP:** Sandoval (Kemp), Herget (Kemp). **Umpires:** Home, Marty Foster; First, Clint Vondrak; Second, Scott Barry; Third, Ben May. T: 3:29. **A:** 14,668(46,847).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING AVG.	G	AB	R	H	AVG.
Bogaerts, BOS	33	128	19	44	.344
Anderson, CHW	29	119	18	40	.336
France, SEA	35	139	15	46	.331
Devers, BOS	34	142	22	46	.324
Crawford, SEA	33	118	16	38	.322
Benintendi, KC	32	114	12	36	.316
Martinez, BOS	27	105	13	33	.314
Trout, LAA	32	109	28	34	.312
Robert, CHW	25	102	18	31	.304
Miller, CLE	27	94	21	28	.298

Runs Batted In: Ramírez, Cleveland, 33; Stanton, New York, 31; Judge, New York, 27; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 26; France, Seattle, 25; Rizzo, New York, 23; A.García, Texas, 23; Walsh, Los Angeles, 23; Naylor, Cleveland, 22; Ward, Los Angeles, 22; Bregman, Houston, 22.
Hits: Devers, Boston, 46; France, Seattle, 46; Bogaerts, Boston, 44; Anderson, Chicago, 40; Franco, Tampa Bay, 39; J.Crawford, Seattle, 38; Judge, New York, 37; Mullins, Baltimore, 37; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 37; Benintendi, Kansas City, 36; Ramírez, Cleveland, 36; Stanton, New York, 36.
Home Runs: Judge, New York, 12; Buxton, Minnesota, 11; Alvarez, Houston, 11; Stanton, New York, 10; Trout, Los Angeles, 9; Rizzo, New York, 9; Ward, Los Angeles, 8; Ramírez, Cleveland, 8; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 8; Altuve, Houston, 7; Springer, Toronto, 7; Seager, Texas, 7; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 7.
Triples: Benintendi, Kansas City, 2; Dozier, Kansas City, 2; A.García, Texas, 2; Giménez, Cleveland, 2; B.Lowe, Tampa Bay, 2; J.Lowe, Tampa Bay, 2; Meadows, Detroit, 2; Neuse, Oakland, 2; Ramírez, Cleveland, 2; Rosario, Cleveland, 2; Ward, Los Angeles, 2; Witt Jr., Kansas City, 2.
Stolen Bases: Mateo, Baltimore, 10; J.Rodríguez, Seattle, 10; Straw, Cleveland, 8; Tucker, Houston, 8; White, Texas, 7; Arozarena, Tampa Bay, 6; Mullins, Baltimore, 6; Robert, Chicago, 6; Velazquez, Los Angeles, 6; 8 tied at 5.
Pitching: Verlander, Houston, 5-1; Blackburn, Oakland, 4-0; Holmes, New York, 4-0; R.López, Chicago, 4-0; Manoah, Toronto, 4-1; Gilbert, Seattle, 4-1; Ryan, Minnesota, 4-2; Lorenzen, Los Angeles, 4-2; Cimber, Toronto, 4-2; Ray, Seattle, 4-3.
Earned Run Average: Cortes Jr., New York, 1.35; Verlander, Houston, 1.38; Kopech, Chicago, 1.54; Blackburn, Oakland, 1.67; Manoah, Toronto, 1.71; M.Pérez, Texas, 2.01; Gilbert, Seattle, 2.13; Ryan, Minnesota, 2.39; Gausman, Toronto, 2.40; Skubal, Detroit, 2.50.
Strikeouts: Cease, Chicago, 58; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 58; Gausman, Toronto, 54; Montas, Oakland, 53; Ray, Seattle, 50; Cortes Jr., New York, 49.

LATE SUNDAY
L.A. DODGERS 5, PHILADELPHIA 4

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hoskins 1b	4	0	1	2	0	.236
Bohm dh	5	0	2	0	1	.315
Schwarber lf	2	0	0	0	0	.189
Quinn cf	0	0	0	0	0	.158
Castellanos rf	4	0	0	0	1	.279
Segura 2b	5	1	2	0	2	.309
Herrera cf-lf	4	0	0	0	1	.275
Camargo 3b	3	1	1	0	0	.238
Stott ss	4	1	0	0	1	.135
Stubbs c	3	1	2	1	1	.350
TOTALS	**34**	**4**	**8**	**3**	**7**	
Los Angeles	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Betts rf	4	1	2	2	1	.254
Freeman 1b	3	0	0	0	0	.295
T.Turner ss	3	1	1	0	0	.273
Smith c	4	0	1	0	0	.263
Muncy 3b	4	0	1	1	2	.150
J.Turner dh	4	0	0	0	1	.205
Bellinger cf	4	1	1	0	2	.202
Taylor lf	1	1	0	0	0	.255
Lux 2b	3	1	1	2	2	.250
TOTALS	**30**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**8**	

Philadelphia	**040**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**4**	**8**	**0**
Los Angeles	**001**	**100**	**012**	**—**	**5**	**7**	**1**

Two outs when winning run scored. **E:** Lux (3). **LOB:** Philadelphia 10, Los Angeles 5. **2B:** Stubbs (2), Camargo (3), T.Turner (9), Betts (5), Lux (3). 3B: Bellinger (2). HR: Betts (7), off Nola. **RBIs:** Stubbs (2), Hoskins 2(19), Betts 2 (17), Muncy (13), Lux 2(8). SB: Segura (4), Stubbs (1), T.Turner (6), Taylor 2(3). CS: Taylor (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Philadelphia 6(Castellanos 2, Stubbs, Herrera 2, Bohm); Los Angeles 4(Smith 2, Bellinger, Freeman). **RISP:** Philadelphia 3for 10; Los Angeles 3 for 10. **Runners moved up:** J.Turner, T.Turner. **GIDP:** Castellanos, Bohm, T.Turner, J.Turner. **DP:** Philadelphia 2 (Camargo, Segura, Hoskins; Camargo, Segura, Hoskins); Los Angeles 2 (Muncy, Lux, Freeman; Lux, T.Turner, Freeman).

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Nola	7	4	2	2	2	8	3.64
Familia, H, 5	1	1	1	1	2	0	4.26
Knbl, L, 0-3, BS, 7-9	⅔	2	2	2	1	0	3.60
LOS ANGELES	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Grove	3⅔	4	4	0	3	3	0.00
Bickford	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	3.18
Vesia	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.79
Almonte	1	1	0	0	3	0	0.00
Greene, W, 1-0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Bickford 1-0. **HBP:** Bickford (Schwarber), Nola (Taylor). **Umpires:** Home, Edwin Moscoso; First, Pat Hoberg; Second, Paul Emmel; Third, Adrian Johnson. T: 3:33. **A:** 51,869(56,000).

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING AVG.	G	AB	R	H	AVG.
Machado, SD	35	128	27	46	.359
Hosmer, SD	33	123	15	43	.350
Bell, WAS	35	125	23	42	.336
Bohm, PHI	33	108	17	34	.315
Iglesias, COL	28	99	13	31	.313
Arenado, STL	33	125	16	39	.312
Gldschmdt, STL	33	125	21	39	.312
Segura, PHI	29	110	19	34	.309
McNeil, NYM	34	117	16	36	.308
Cron, COL	34	131	18	40	.305

Runs Batted In: Tellez, Milwaukee, 29; Alonso, New York, 29; Arenado, St. Louis, 27; Harper, Philadelphia, 27; Cron, Colorado, 25; Chisholm Jr., Miami, 24; Hosmer, San Diego, 24; Adames, Milwaukee, 24; J.Turner, Los Angeles, 23; M.Machado, San Diego, 23.
Hits: M.Machado, San Diego, 46; Hosmer, San Diego, 43; Bell, Washington, 42; Cron, Colorado, 40; Harper, Philadelphia, 40; C.Hernandez, Washington, 40; Arenado, St. Louis, 38; Alonso, New York, 37; S.Marte, New York, 37; 5 tied at 36.
Home Runs: Schwarber, Philadelphia, 9; Renfroe, Milwaukee, 9; Adames, Milwaukee, 9; Cron, Colorado, 9; Harper, Philadelphia, 9; Tellez, Milwaukee, 8; Soto, Washington, 8; Alonso, New York, 8; 6 tied at 7.
Triples: Chisholm Jr., Miami, 3; Bellinger, Los Angeles, 2; Chavis, Pittsburgh, 2; Cronenworth, San Diego, 2; Edman, St. Louis, 2; E.Escobar, New York, 2; Grisham, San Diego, 2; Hummel, Arizona, 2; Joe, Colorado, 2; Nimmo, New York, 2; J.Sánchez, Miami, 2; Wong, Milwaukee, 2.
Stolen Bases: Edman, St. Louis, 8; Wong, Milwaukee, 8; Bader, St. Louis, 7; Chisholm Jr., Miami, 6; Harper, Philadelphia, 6; M.Machado, San Diego, 6; T.Turner, Los Angeles, 6; Acuña Jr., Atlanta, 5; Estrada, San Francisco, 5; S.Marte, New York, 5; J.Peterson, Milwaukee, 5.
Pitching: Webb, San Francisco, 5-1; Musgrove, San Diego, 4-0; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 4-0; Scherzer, New York, 4-1; P.López, Miami, 4-1; Buehler, Los Angeles, 4-1; Rodón, San Francisco, 4-1; Suárez, Philadelphia, 4-1; Fried, Atlanta, 4-2; Bassitt, New York, 4-2; Megill, New York, 4-2; Woodruff, Milwaukee, 4-2.
Earned Run Average: Gallen, Arizona, 1.05; P.López, Miami, 1.05; Mikolas, St. Louis, 1.49; M.Kelly, Arizona, 1.71; Burnes, Milwaukee, 1.77; Rodón, San Francisco, 1.80; Quintana, Pittsburgh, 2.19; Musgrove, San Diego, 2.20; Bassitt, New York, 2.34; Lauer, Milwaukee, 2.60.
Strikeouts: Burnes, Milwaukee, 57; Aa.Nola, Philadelphia, 55; Scherzer, New York, 55.

LATE SUNDAY
SAN DIEGO 7, ATLANTA 3, 11 INN.

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Crnnwrth ss-1b	5	1	0	0	1	.205
Kim 3b	5	1	2	1	2	.223
Hosmer 1b	5	0	0	0	2	.350
2-Alcntra pr-ss	0	1	0	0	0	.189
Voit dh	5	0	0	0	3	.175
Profar lf	4	3	1	1	0	.185
Myers rf	5	1	2	3	2	.237
Cano 2b	5	0	0	0	1	.174
Nola c	2	0	1	1	0	.215
a-Mchado ph	0	0	0	0	0	.359
Alfaro c	1	0	1	0	0	.263
Grisham cf	3	0	0	0	1	.152
TOTALS	**40**	**7**	**7**	**6**	**12**	
Atlanta	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Demeritte rf	5	0	0	0	2	.300
Olson 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.262
Riley 3b	5	0	0	0	2	.244
Ozuna lf	4	1	1	0	2	.206
Albies 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.232
Swanson ss	4	2	1	2	2	.229
Duvall cf	4	0	1	0	1	.202
Contreras c	4	0	0	0	2	.231
Arcia dh	4	0	1	0	2	.343
1-Hrdia pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	.114
TOTALS	**38**	**3**	**5**	**2**	**16**	

San Diego	**000**	**010**	**200**	**04**	**—**	**7**	**7**	**1**
Atlanta	**010**	**200**	**000**	**00**	**—**	**3**	**5**	**3**

a-intentionally walked for Nola in the 10th. 1-ran for Arcia in the 10th. 2-ran for Hosmer in the 11th. **E:** Myers (1), Olson (2), Riley (5), Swanson (2). **LOB:** San Diego 6, Atlanta 8. **2B:** Profar (8), Kim 2(6). HR: Swanson (4), off Musgrove. **RBIs:** Myers 3(13), Nola (11), Kim (16), Profar (17), Swanson 2 (16). SB: Ozuna (2), Profar (2). CS: Kim (1). SF: Nola. **Runners left in scoring position:** San Diego 2(Grisham, Cronenworth); Atlanta 5(Albies, Riley 3, Swanson). **RISP:** San Diego 4for 12; Atlanta 0 for 7. **Runners moved up:** Cano, Voit.

SAN DIEGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Musgrove	6	4	3	2	3	6	2.20
Stammen	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.84
Garcia	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.84
Crismatt, W, 2-0	2	1	0	0	0	4	1.42
Rogers	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.60
ATLANTA	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Wright	6⅓	3	3	1	2	9	2.79
McHugh, BS, 0-2	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	4.97
Minter	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.72
Jansen	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.45
Stephens, L, 0-1	2	3	4	2	1	1	3.00

Inherited runners-scored: McHugh 2-1. IBB: off Stephens (Machado). **WP:** Garcia. **Umpires:** Home, John Libka; First, Jim Reynolds; Second, Todd Tichenor; Third, Mike Muchlinski. T: 3:33. **A:** 40,114(41,084).

COMBINED NO-HITTERS

x-Hunter Greene, Warren (8), Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, May 15, 2022 0-1.

Tylor Megill, Drew Smith (6), Joely Rodriguez (7), Seth Lugo (8), Edwin Diaz (9), New York Mets vs. Philadelphia Phillies, April 22, 2022, 3-0.

Corbin Burnes, Josh Hader (9), Sept 11, 2021. Milwaukee at Cleveland 3-0.

Zach Davies, Ryan Tepera (7), Andrew Chafin (8), Craig Kimbrel, , Chicago Cubs at L.A. Dodger, June 24 2021.

Aaron Sanchez, Harris (7), Biagini (8), Devenski (9), Houston vs. Seattle 9-0, August 3, 2019

Taylor Cole (2 innings), Felix Pena (7), LA Angels vs. Seattle, 13-0, July 12, 2019

Walker Buehler (6 innings), Tony Cingrani (1), Yimi Garcia (1), Adam Liberatore (1), LA Dodgers vs. San Diego in Monterrey, Mexico, 4-0, May 4, 2018

Cole Hamels (6 innings), Jake Diekman (1), Ken Giles (1), Jonathan Papelbon (1), Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7-0, Sept. 1, 2014

Kevin Millwood (6), Charlie Furbush (2/3), Stephen Pryor (1/3), Lucas Luetge (1/3), Brandon League (2/3), Tom Wilhelmsen (1), Seattle vs. L.A. Dodgers, June 8, 2012, 1-0.

Roy Oswalt (1), Pete Munro (2 2/3), Kirk Saarloos (1 1/3), Brad Lidge (2) and Octavio Dotel (1), Billy Wagner (1), Houston at N.Y. Yankees, June 11, 2003, 8-0.

Francisco Cordova (9) and Ricardo Rincon (1), Pittsburgh vs. Houston, July 12, 1997, 3-0, 10 innings.

Kent Mercker (6), Mark Wohlers (2) and Alejandro Pena (1), Atlanta vs. San Diego, Sept. 11, 1991, 1-0.

Bob Milacki (6), Mike Flanagan (1), Mark Williamson (1) and Gregg Olson (1), Baltimore at Oakland, July 13, 1991, 2-0.

Mark Langston (7) and Mike Witt (2), California vs. Seattle, April 11, 1990, 1-0.

John Odom (5) and Francisco Barrios (4), Chicago (AL) at Oakland, July 28, 1976,

NHL PLAYOFFS RANGERS VS. HURRICANES

Rangers turn focus to Carolina after dramatic comeback against Penguins

By Colin Stephenson
Newsday

The New York Rangers got Monday off to savor what they had just accomplished: completing a comeback from a 3-1 series deficit by beating the Pittsburgh Penguins 4-3 in overtime Sunday night in Game 7 to win their first-round playoff series.

But one day was all the time they were allowed to rest on their laurels. Because on Tuesday, they will be hard at work trying to figure out how they are going to conquer the next challenge: the Metropolitan Division champion Carolina Hurricanes.

The Rangers battled with the Hurricanes for a couple of weeks at the end of the regular season to see who would win the division, but in the final week, Carolina's 4-3 win at the Garden on April 26 sealed the title for the Hurricanes and gave them the regular-season series between the teams, 3-1. So the Rangers know exactly what they're in for when the second-round series begins Wednesday in Raleigh, N.C.

"They play a fast, physical game," Rangers defenseman Jacob Trouba said Sunday night of the Hurricanes. "They get it on the forecheck. We're going to have to be good at breaking pucks out and take advantage of opportunities when we get them."

Carolina, which defeated the Boston Bruins in seven games in the first round, was 54-20-8 in the regular season to finish with 116 points, six more than the Rangers. The 'Canes' roster is littered with former Rangers — Brady Skjei, Brendan Smith and Tony DeAngelo on their defense, forwards Jesper Fast and Derek Stepan, and goaltender Antti Raanta, who backstopped the series win over Boston, with No. 1 goalie Frederik Andersen out with a lower-body injury. Andersen could return against the Rangers.

"They're a very aggressive team; they play 'north' hockey; they put pucks to the net," Rangers coach Gerard Gallant told reporters Monday about Carolina. "So we've got to counter that by ... when they make mistakes, we make sure we get some odd-man rushes, we challenge them and score some goals that way.

"We've got to just be ready to play our game, and we know what they're going to bring. They know what we're going to bring."

DeAngelo and fellow defenseman Jaccob Slavin led the Hurricanes in scoring against Boston, with eight points each, and DeAngelo led Carolina in assists, with seven. Four players — Vincent Trochek, Seth Jarvis, Andrei Svechnikov and Nino Niederreiter — tied for the team lead in goals, with three. Mika Zibanejad (three goals, eight assists) and Adam Fox (three goals, seven assists) lead the Rangers in scoring with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Chris Kreider leads them in goals, with five, while Andrew Copp has four.

The teams faced each other in the 2020 bubble in Toronto, with the Hurricanes sweeping the Rangers in the best-of-five qualifying round. The young Rangers, though, have said they don't consider that their first playoff experience, given that it was played in an empty arena in Toronto, as opposed to the jam-packed, raucous buildings these playoffs are being contested in.

Up next

Rangers at Hurricanes, Game 1
7 p.m. Wed., ESPN

Coach Ime Udoka has guard Marcus Smart and the rest of the Celtics ready to face the Miami Heat in the Eastern Conference finals after eliminating the defending champion Bucks in seven games. **STEVEN SENNE/AP**

Celtics

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right habits," said Spoelstra, in his 14th season after taking over as Miami coach for Hall of Famer Pat Riley. "And like I said, this is the way it should be — the two teams that played most consistently at the top of the East for most of the year, and we're meeting in the conference finals to figure it out."

The Heat needed five games to get past Atlanta in the first round, then six games to oust Philadelphia in the East semifinals. Boston swept Brooklyn in the opening round, then ended Milwaukee's reign as NBA champions by finishing off a seven-game series win in the other East semi.

It's a rematch of the 2020 East finals, held in the restart bubble at Walt Disney World, when Miami topped Boston 4-2 to earn a berth in the NBA Finals. That was the third East finals loss in a four-year span for members of the Celtics — and many of the players from some or all those defeats, like Jayson Tatum, Jaylen Brown and Marcus Smart, are Boston's core today. Smart has a mild foot sprain and is questionable for Game 1.

"This is the group I feel like is poised enough to get it done," Brown said. "I feel like everything that we've overcome — all these battles and challenges and adversity we've been through this season, as well as the challenge that we just had overcoming the defending champions — I think that we are prepared. I think we're ready to take that next step. We've just got to go out and take it."

For its part, Miami — seeking a seventh trip to the NBA Finals and what would be a sixth in the last 12 seasons — isn't looking back at the bubble win or much of anything else, All-Star forward Jimmy Butler insisted.

"We just want to focus in on today, right now, the group of guys that we get to go to war with every single day," Butler said.

NBA PLAYOFFS EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

Celtics vs. Heat: Breaking it down

The top-seeded Miami Heat and Boston Celtics meet Tuesday to open the Eastern Conference finals. After getting past Kevin Durant and Giannis Antetokounmpo, Jayson Tatum now goes against Jimmy Butler to headline the series between the Nos. 1 and 2 seeds in the Eastern Conference. It's the first 1 vs. 2 matchup in the conference finals since 2019, when Toronto knocked off top-seeded Milwaukee to win the East. The Heat and Celtics then met in the Eastern Conference finals the next season, with Miami winning in six games at Walt Disney World.

By Brian Mahoney | Associated Press

No. 1 MIAMI HEAT (53-29, 8-3) vs. No. 2 BOSTON CELTICS (51-31, 8-3)

Heat forward Jimmy Butler (22) drives the ball as Celtics center Al Horford (42) defends under the basket in the second quarter at FTX Arena on Nov. 4, 2021, in Miami. **AL DIAZ/MIAMI HERALD/TNS**

Season series: Celtics, 2-1.
Schedule: Tuesday and Thursday at Miami, Saturday and May 23 at Boston, May 25 at Miami if necessary, May 27 at Boston if necessary, May 29 at Miami if necessary.
How they got here: Heat: Beat No. 8 Atlanta 4-1, Beat No. 4 Philadelphia 4-2. Celtics: Beat No. 7 Brooklyn 4-0, Beat No. 3 Milwaukee 4-3.
Storyline: After getting past Kevin Durant and Giannis Antetokounmpo, Jayson Tatum now goes against Jimmy Butler to headline the series between the Nos. 1 and 2 seeds in the Eastern Conference. It's the first 1 vs. 2 matchup in the conference finals since 2019, when Toronto knocked off top-seeded Milwaukee to win the East. The Heat and Celtics then met in the Eastern Conference finals the next season, with Miami winning in six games at Walt Disney World.
Key matchup: Butler vs. Tatum. Butler (28.7 points per game) and Tatum (28.3) are the Nos. 4 and 5 scorers in the postseason, with only Luka Doncic ahead of them among those who are still playing. Butler doesn't have the diversity of Tatum's offensive skills but is as good as anyone in the game at the things he does well. He has a pair of 40-point games already this postseason, one more than Tatum. Tatum, who scored 46 points with the Celtics facing elimination in Game 6 at Milwaukee, will be the focus of a Heat defense that has already slowed down high scorers Trae Young and James Harden thus far.
Injury watch: Miami starting point guard Kyle Lowry is expected to be out at least for the opener with the hamstring injury that sidelined him for the final two games against Philadelphia. Boston center Robert Williams didn't play in the last four games against Milwaukee. He sat out three with knee soreness and then didn't appear in Game 7, even though he was available in what coach Ime Udoka said would be only for certain situations.
Numbers of note: This the fifth playoff meeting between the teams. Miami has won the last three, two in the conference finals, after the Celtics took the first one in the opening round of the 2010 playoffs. ... Boston is in the conference finals for the fourth time in the last six years, but the Celtics haven't advanced further since falling in the 2010 NBA Finals. ... Butler is also leading all players in the postseason with 2.1 steals per game. ... Boston's Al Horford is the career leader in postseason games without ever reaching the NBA Finals. He has played in 135. ... The Heat are 6-0 at home in the playoffs. The Celtics are 4-1 on the road.
Prediction: These are two top defensive clubs, so points will be tough to come by even for the best players. But the Celtics appear to have more weapons on the offensive side, as they showed while hitting 22 3-pointers to take Game 7 against the Bucks on Sunday. And if the defending NBA champions couldn't stop them with two chances in the last round, it's hard to see who can now. **Celtics in 6**

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coach in the NFL and at UCLA, appears unaffected by basketball's status as the bus driver, and he's been a ubiquitous presence at men's and women's games, at baseball games, and other events on campus. He's endeavored to be a part of the fabric.

"Just how visible Coach has been on campus, around the state, at different UConn athletic events, I feel like he has been everywhere," men's basketball coach Dan Hurley said. "He's got this unbelievable energy and vision."

Mora, too, has been secure and comfortable enough to pick the brains around him and learn by observing the coaching principles applied to sports quite different from his. On Monday night, he joined Auriemma, Hurley, baseball coach Jim Penders and softball coach Laura Valentino at the first of two UConn Coaches Road Shows, this one at the Kinsman Brewing Company with about 250 fans. They meet again Tuesday at Two Roads Brewing Company in Stratford.

"They understand the climate," Mora said. "They understand the culture, recruiting, some of the things that are attractive about our institution over others. I like to watch them at games. I like to watch them all. There is nothing more fascinating to me than trying to read Geno's lips when he's talking to girls. I watch Danny, he's intense; he's passionate; he's emotional. But I never once seen him negative toward one of his players during a game. Coach Penders, I watch him in the dugout, his demeanor, calm, directing things, never out of control. I think that's really contagious with his players."

Penders, like Valentino, is fresh off winning a Big East regular season title, gave Mora a "hook C" cap to wear at the spring scrimmage a few weeks ago. Monday, they traded texts about a possible transfer who wants to play baseball and try kicking for the football team. "He got right back to me," Penders said. "He's been great, so supportive."

"Everyone is so kind, so nice," Mora said. "Willing to jump in and help. I've been fortunate in my college career to be around some great, great coaches, but never the level I have found at UConn. It's pretty special."

UConn football, 7-48 the last four seasons, hasn't had a winning record since 2010, the year the Huskies went to the Fiesta Bowl. The hiring of Mora was startling, given his experience and stature, but he came to a place where there is little to lose and potentially a great story to be written. Mora has thrown himself energetically into the task with his renovated roster returning to campus next month.

And his new colleagues are watching with fascination as Mora goes about this unique building task.

"We've pretty much tried everything there is [to turn football around]," Auriemma said. "We've gone down as many roads as there are roads, and we're running out of roads to go down. That's the interesting thing about the UConn football job, as it is presently situated: You're either going to get somebody who is here to try to make a name for themselves and go get a big Power Five job, or somebody who is like, retired. I don't think he's either, so he's the perfect mix."

Hurley understands what Mora is facing.

"I think it's a lot of fun what he's doing right now," Hurley said. "It's a lot of hard work, but it's a lot of fun taking a program from where it is right now to where he envisions it. That challenge is fun. I think the challenge is invigorating. He knows his starting point, but the challenge of getting this thing to a high level in football obviously gets him up in the morning, and gets him up early."

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game off the bench, averaging 3.5 points and 2.2 rebounds.

So now, who is part of the starting five and who comes off the bench? These are things Miller will be trying to figure out moving forward.

Miller was able to run practices in training camp with a top lineup of guards Jasmine Thomas (5-9) and Williams (5-8) alongside forwards Alyssa Thomas (6-2), Brionna Jones (6-3) and Jonquel Jones (6-6). Spacing with those forwards was a big focus for Miller throughout preseason. He's often stated the importance of getting them significant minutes together as three of the most talented players on the roster.

Now Bonner is in the mix, too. One possibility Miller brought up over the preseason is playing an extremely tall lineup of those three forwards with the 6-4 Bonner, who has typically played at the wing spot.

"A bunch of vets that kind of know the game, so if we can just play and be free, that's the main thing," Bonner told The Courant of the possibility of playing alongside Alyssa Thomas, Brionna Jones and Jonquel Jones. "We're a big lineup. It's going to be hard to see over us. We can do a lot of different things. I think I like the versatility of our offense and our defense."

If those four were on the floor together, Miller would likely have to choose between Williams and Jasmine Thomas as the primary ball-handler. As he's repeatedly said, there will be a lot of tinkering with rotations to find what works best.

Regardless of who starts, Miller feels confident that he'll get more scoring from his bench than he did a season ago. DiJonai Carrington got experience as a starter over the past two games, averaging 11.5 points, 5.0 rebounds and 2.0 assists, while Natisha Hiedeman and Nia Clouden have proven to be offensive sparks. With everyone back in the fold, now it's just a matter of putting it all together.

"We focused on what we had in our locker room, which is a lot of talent, a lot of people that gained a lot of experience early in these first two games," Alyssa Thomas said. "But we're a dangerous team. And now we're adding two huge pieces, definitely a team to watch out for."

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Sun coach Curt Miller now has his full team together and has some tinkering to do as he works Courtney Williams and DeWanna Bonner into the mix. **ADAM HUNGER/AP**

SCOREBOARD

NBA

PLAYOFFS
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
#2 Boston 4, #3 Milwaukee 3
May 1: Milwaukee 101-89
May 3: Boston 109-86
May 7: Milwaukee 103-101
May 9: Boston 116-108
May 11: Milwaukee 110-107
May 13: Boston 108-95
May 15: Boston 109-81

#1 Miami 4, #4 Philadelphia 2
May 2: Miami 106-92
May 4: Miami 119-103
May 6: Philadelphia 99-79
May 8: Philadelphia 116-108
May 10: Miami 120,-85
May 12: Miami 99-90

WESTERN CONFERENCE
#4 Dallas 4, #1 Phoenix 3
May 2: Phoenix 121-114
May 4: Phoenix 129-109
May 6: Dallas 103-94
May 8: Dallas 111-101
May 10: Phoenix 110-80
May 12: Dallas 113-86
May 15: Dallas 123-90

#3 Golden State 4, #2 Memphis 2
May 1: Golden State 117-116
May 3: Memphis 106-101
May 7: Golden State 142-112
May 9: Golden State 101-98
May 11: Memphis 134-95
May 13: Golden State 110-96

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN
#1 Miami vs. #2 Boston
Tuesday: at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday: at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday: at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
May 23: at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
x-May 25: at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
x-May 27: at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
x-May 29: at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN
#3 Golden State vs. #4 Dallas
Wednesday: at Golden State, 9 p.m.
Friday: at Golden State, 9 p.m.
Sunday: at Dallas, 9 p.m.
May 24: at Dallas, 9 p.m.
x-May 26: at Golden State, 9 p.m.
x-May 28: at Dallas, 9 p.m.
x-May 30: at Golden State, 8 p.m.

PLAYOFF INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
Through Sunday
SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Antetokounmpo, MIL	12	140	91	380	31.7
Doncic, DAL	10	111	60	315	31.5
Jokic, DEN	5	61	28	155	31.0
Butler, MIA	10	104	63	287	28.7
Tatum, BOS	11	103	66	311	28.3
Morant, MEM	9	81	65	244	27.1
Ingram, NO	6	56	39	162	27.0
Curry, GS	11	96	62	296	26.9
Durant, BKN	4	32	34	105	26.3
Mitchell, UTA	6	53	37	153	25.5
Edwards, MIN	6	50	28	151	25.2
Embiid, PHI	10	78	73	236	23.6
Booker, PHO	10	79	47	233	23.3
Brunson, DAL	13	113	55	298	22.9
Siakam, TOR	6	51	31	137	22.8
Brown, BOS	11	88	43	244	22.2
McCollum, NO	6	49	18	133	22.2
Towns, MIN	6	39	43	131	21.8
Irving, BKN	4	28	21	85	21.3
Hunter, ATL	5	39	16	106	21.2
DeRozan, CHI	5	39	26	104	20.8
Maxey, PHI	12	88	47	249	20.8
Thompson, GS	11	86	10	224	20.4
Vucevic, CHI	5	40	4	97	19.4
LaVine, CHI	4	27	14	77	19.3
Poole, GS	11	74	37	212	19.3
Holiday, MIL	12	89	26	229	19.1
Bane, MEM	12	76	30	225	18.8
Harden, PHI	12	64	67	223	18.6
Bogdanovic, UTA	6	39	19	108	18.0
Ayton, PHO	13	105	21	233	17.9
Clarkson, UTA	6	40	16	105	17.5
Paul, PHO	13	87	35	228	17.5

WNBA

EASTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	3	1	.750	—
Washington	3	1	.750	—
Chicago	2	1	.667	½
Connecticut	1	1	.500	1
Indiana	2	3	.400	1½
New York	1	3	.250	2
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Las Vegas	3	1	.750	—
Phoenix	2	1	.667	½
Dallas	2	1	.667	½
Los Angeles	2	2	.500	1
Seattle	1	3	.250	2
Minnesota	0	4	.000	3

MONDAY'S RESULTS
No games scheduled

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Indiana, 7p.m.
Connecticut at New York, 7p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 8p.m.
Phoenix at Las Vegas, 10p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Chicago at Seattle, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Phoenix 69, Seattle 64
Connecticut 77, Los Angeles 60
Chicago 82, Minnesota 78

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Dallas 81, New York 71
Atlanta 85, Indiana 79

USFL

All games in Birmingham, Ala.

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Jersey	4	1	0	.800	106	80
Philadelphia	2	3	0	.400	106	125
Michigan	1	4	0	.200	87	80
Pittsburgh	1	4	0	.200	60	109
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Birmingham	5	0	0	1.000	129	92
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	110	85
Tampa Bay	3	2	0	.600	84	99
Houston	1	4	0	.200	107	116

WEEK 5
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Birmingham 30, Philadelphia 17
Pittsburgh 21, Houston 20

SATURDAY'S RESULT
New Jersey 27, New Orleans 17

FRIDAY'S RESULT
Tampa Bay 27, Michigan 20

ODDS

MLB — **TUESDAY**

NATIONAL LEAGUE FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at L.A. Dodgers	-240	Arizona	+198
at N.Y. Mets	-125	St. Louis	+105
at Miami	Off	Washington	Off
at N.Y. Mets	-125	St. Louis	+105
at Philadelphia	Off	San Diego	Off
at Milwaukee	Off	Atlanta	Off
at N.Y. Mets	Off	St. Louis	Off
at Chicago Cubs	Off	Pittsburgh	Off
San Francisco	-147	at Colorado	+128
at LA Dodgers	Off	Arizona	Off
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Chi. Wh. Sox	Off	at Kansas City	Off
at Tampa Bay	-235	Detroit	+194
N.Y. Yankees	-202	at Baltimore	+173
at Toronto	-140	Seattle	+120
Chi. Wh. Sox	Off	at Kansas City	Off
Houston	-112	at Boston	-107
LA Angels	-130	at Texas	+110
at Oakland	Off	Minnesota	Off
INTERLEAGUE			
at Cleveland	-154	Cincinnati	+130

NBA — **TUESDAY**

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Miami	1½	(204)	Boston

NHL — **TUESDAY**

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Florida	-156	Tampa Bay	+130
at Colorado	-220	St. Louis	+180

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NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Carolina 4, Boston 3
May 2: Carolina 5-1
May 4: Carolina 5-2
May 6: Boston 4-2
May 8: Boston 5-2
May 10: Carolina 5-1
May 12: Boston 5-2
May 14: Carolina 3-2

N.Y. Rangers 4, Pittsburgh 3
May 3: Pittsburgh 4-3 (3OT)
May 5: N.Y. Rangers 5-2
May 7: Pittsburgh 7-4
May 9: Pittsburgh 7-2
May 11: N.Y. Rangers 5-3
May 13: N.Y. Rangers 5-3
May 15: N.Y. Rangers 4-3 (OT)

Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 3
May 2: Toronto 5-0
May 4: Tampa Bay 5-3
May 6: Toronto 5-2
May 8: Tampa Bay 7-3
May 10: Toronto 4-3
May 12: Tampa Bay 4-3 (OT)
May 14: Tampa Bay 2-1

Florida 4, Washington 2
May 3: Washington 4-2
May 5: Florida 5-1
May 7: Washington 6-1
May 9: Florida 3-2 (OT)
May 11: Florida 5-3
May 13: Florida 4-3 (OT)

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Calgary 4, Dallas 3
May 3: Calgary 1-0
May 5: Dallas 2-0
May 7: Dallas 4-2
May 9: Calgary 4-1
May 11: Calgary 3-1
May 13: Dallas 4-2
May 15: Calgary 3-2 (OT)

Edmonton 4, Los Angeles 3
May 2: Los Angeles 4-3
May 4: Edmonton 6-0
May 6: Edmonton 8-2
May 8: Los Angeles 4-0
May 10: Los Angeles 5-4 (OT)
May 12: Edmonton 4-2
May 14: Edmonton 2-0

Colorado 4, Nashville 0
May 3: Colorado 7-2
May 5: Colorado 2-1 (OT)
May 7: Colorado 7-3
May 9: Colorado 5-3

St. Louis 4, Minnesota 2
May 2: St. Louis 4-0
May 4: Minnesota 6-2
May 6: Minnesota 5-1
May 8: St. Louis 5-2
May 10: St. Louis 5-2
May 12: St. Louis 5-1

SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Carolina vs. N.Y. Rangers
Wednesday: at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Friday: at Carolina, 8 p.m.
Sunday: at N.Y. Rangers, 3:30 p.m.
May 24: at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
x-May 26: at Carolina, TBA
x-May 28: at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
x-May 30: at Carolina, TBA

Florida vs. Tampa Bay
Tuesday: at Florida, 7 p.m.
Thursday: at Florida, 7 p.m.
Sunday: at Tampa Bay, 1:30 p.m.
May 23: at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
x-May 25: at Florida, TBA
x-May 27: at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-May 29: at Florida, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Calgary vs. Edmonton
Wednesday: at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Friday: at Calgary, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday: at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
May 24: at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
x-May 26: at Calgary, TBA
x-May 28: at Edmonton, TBA
x-May 30: at Calgary, TBA

Colorado vs. St. Louis
Tuesday: at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday: at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday: at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Monday: at St. Louis, 9:30 p.m.
x-May 25: at Colorado, TBA
x-May 27: at St. Louis, TBA
x-May 29: at Colorado, TBA

TENNIS

ATP GENEVA OPEN
Monday's results at Tennis Club de Geneve Eaux-Vives; Surface: Red clay
Men's Singles
Round of 32
Ilya Ivashka d.
Marcos Giron, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.
#7Federico Delbonis d.
Ricardas Berankis, 6-4, 6-4.
Richard Gasquet d.
John Millman, 6-3, 6-1.
Marco Cecchinato d.
Dominic Thiem, 6-3, 6-4.
Benoit Paire d.
Emil Ruusuvuori, 7-5, 5-7, 6-4

ATP OPEN PARC AUVERGNE-RHONE-ALPES LYON
Monday's results at Parc de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France; Surface: Red clay
Men's Singles
Round of 32
Ugo Humbert d.
Gregoire Barrere, 6-3, 6-4.
Kwon Soon Woo, d.
Aljaz Bedene, 4-6, 7-6(4), 6-0.
Oscar Otte d. Lucas Pouille, 6-3, 6-1.
Alex Molcan, d.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, 6-4, 6-4.
Yosuke Watanuki, d.
#8Pedro Martinez, 6-7(2), 6-4, 6-2.
#7Sebastian Baez d.
Tomas Martin Etcheverry, 6-2, 6-1.
#5Karen Khachanov d.
Gilles Simon, 6-1, 6-4.

WTA GRAND PRIX DE SAR LA PRINCESSE LALLA MERYEM
Monday's results at Club des Cheminots; Rabat, Morocco; Surface: Red clay
Women's Singles
Round of 32
Anna-Karolina Schmiedlova d.
Ekaterina Reyngold, 6-1, 6-2.
#7Arantxa Rus d.
Lulu Sun, 6-3, 6-0.
Astra Sharma d.
Marcela Zacarias, 1-6, 7-5, 6-4.
Dalma Galfi d. Ulrikke Eikeri, 6-2, 7-5.
#1Garbine Muguruza d.
Anna Danilina, 6-3, 6-2.
Martina Trevisan d. You Xiaodi, 6-0, 6-4.
Kristina Kucova, d.
Catherine Harrison, 6-2, 6-0.
Lucia Bronzetti, d.
#8Anna Kalinskaya, 6-3, 6-7(5), 6-3.

WTA INTERNATIONAUX DE STRASBOURG
Monday's resultsat Strasbourg Tennis Club;Strasbourg, France;Surface: Red clay
Women's Singles
Round of 32
Maryna Zanevska d.
#5Zhang Shuai, 6-2, 6-3.
Oceane Dodin d.
Ana Konjuh 6-2, 1-6, 7-5.
Heather Watson d.
Katharina Hobgarski, 6-4, 6-1.
Nefisa Berberovic, d.
#6Sloane Stephens,, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.
#1Karolina Pliskova, d.
Marta Kostyuk, 6-4, 6-2.
Kaja Juvan d. Lina Glushko, 6-3, 6-1.
#9Viktorija Golubic, d.
Yana Morderger, 6-0, 6-4.
#4Elise Mertens, d.
Carole Monnet, 7-5, 6-4.
Aliaksandra Sasnovich, d.
Julie Gervais, 6-4, 6-2.
#2Angelique Kerber d.
Diane Parry, 6-3, 6-4.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	TPTS	GF	GA
CF Montréal	6	3	2 20	22	19
Orlando City	6	4	2 20	14	15
Philadelphia	5	1	5 20	16	9
Cincinnati	6	5	1 19	16	18
New York	5	2	4 19	17	9
New York City FC	5	3	2 17	21	10
Atlanta	4	4	3 15	17	16
D.C. United	4	5	1 13	14	15
Charlotte FC	4	7	1 13	10	15
Columbus	3	4	4 13	15	13
New England	3	5	3 12	18	20
Toronto FC	3	7	2 11	16	23
Inter Miami CF	3	6	2 11	11	21
Chicago	2	5	4 10	8	13
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**TPTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Los Angeles FC	7	2	2 23	23	12
FC Dallas	6	1	4 22	19	8
Austin FC	6	3	2 20	23	11
LA Galaxy	6	4	1 19	12	10
Real Salt Lake	5	3	4 19	12	16
Houston	4	4	3 15	14	13
Colorado	4	4	3 15	13	12
Nashville	4	4	3 15	11	12
Portland	3	3	6 15	18	18
Minnesota United	4	5	2 14	12	12
Seattle	3	5	1 10	12	14
San Jose	2	5	4 10	19	26
Sporting KC	2	7	3 9	10	23
Vancouver	2	6	2 8	10	20

Three points for victory, one point for tie.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
New York City FC at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 7:30p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
LA Galaxy at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 8:30p.m.
Colorado at Sporting Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
CF Montréal at Nashville, 8:30p.m.
FC Dallas at Vancouver, 10p.m.
Austin FC at Los Angeles FC, 10:30p.m.
Portland at San Jose, 10:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Los Angeles FC at Columbus, 3:30p.m.
Toronto FC at D.C. United, 4p.m.
New England at Cincinnati, 6p.m.
Atlanta at Nashville, 7:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Real Salt Lake at CF Montréal, 4p.m.
Vancouver at Charlotte FC, 5p.m.
Chicago at New York City FC, 5p.m.
New York at Miami, 6p.m.
Minnesota at FC Dallas, 7p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando City at Austin FC, 8p.m.
Seattle at Colorado, 8p.m.
Houston at LA Galaxy, 8p.m.
Philadelphia at Portland, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
New England 2, Atlanta 2, tie
Seattle 3, Minnesota 1

NWSL

TEAMS	W	L	TPTS	GF	GA
San Diego Wave FC	3	0	0 9	7	1
Angel City FC	2	1	0 6	3	2
Portland	1	0	1 4	3	0
Houston	1	1	1 4	3	2
Orlando	1	1	1 4	3	5
Chicago	1	1	0 3	3	3
Washington	1	1	0 3	2	2
Gotham FC	1	1	0 3	3	4
Louisville	0	1	2 2	4	5
OL Reign	0	1	2 2	3	4
Kansas City	0	2	1 1	2	7
North Carolina	0	1	0 0	1	2

Three points for victory, one point for tie.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
Orlando at North Carolina, 7p.m.
San Diego Wave FC at Louisville, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Portland, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Houston at Portland, 6p.m.
Kansas City at Angel City FC, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
San Diego Wave FC at North Carolina, 2 p.m.
Louisville at Gotham FC, 5p.m.
Washington at OL Reign, 6p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 7p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
San Diego Wave FC 2, Chicago 1
Angel City FC 1, Washington 0

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GAPTS
Man City	37	28	6	3	96	24 90
Liverpool	36	26	8	2	89	24 86
Chelsea	36	20	10	6	73	31 70
Tottenham	37	21	5	11	64	40 68
Arsenal	37	21	3	13	56	47 66
Man United	37	16	10	11	57	56 58
West Ham	37	16	8	13	59	48 56
Wolverhampton	37	15	6	16	37	40 51
Leicester	36	13	9	14	57	57 48
Brighton	37	11	15	11	39	43 48
Brentford	37	13	7	17	47	54 46
Newcastle	37	12	10	15	42	61 46
Crystal Palace	36	10	15	11	47	43 45
Aston Villa	36	13	5	18	49	50 44
Southampton	36	9	13	14	41	61 40
Everton	36	10	6	20	39	59 36
Leeds	37	8	11	18	40	78 35
Burnley	36	7	13	16	32	50 34
Watford	37	6	5	26	33	75 23
Norwich	37	5	7	25	23	79 22

MONDAY'S RESULT
Newcastle 2, Arsenal 0

TUESDAY'S MATCH
Southampton vs. Liverpool, 2:45p.m.

THURSDAY'S MATCHES
Everton vs. Crystal Palace, 2:45p.m.
Chelsea vs. Leicester, 3p.m.
Aston Villa vs. Burnley, 3p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Arsenal vs. Everton, 11a.m.
Brentford vs. Leeds, 11a.m.
Brighton vs. West Ham, 11a.m.
Burnley vs. Newcastle, 11a.m.
Chelsea vs. Watford, 11a.m.
Crystal Palace vs. Man United, 11a.m.
Leicester vs. Southampton, 11a.m.
Liverpool vs. Wolverhampton, 11a.m.
Man City vs. Aston Villa, 11a.m.
Norwich vs. Tottenham, 11a.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Tottenham 1, Burnley 0
Aston Villa 1, Crystal Palace 1
Leeds 1, Brighton 1
Watford 1, Leicester 5
West Ham 2, Man City 2
Wolverhampton 1, Norwich 1
Everton 2, Brentford 3

GOLF

FEDEX STANDINGS
Through May 15

	Points	Money
1. Scottie Scheffler	2,842	$10,299,587
2. Sam Burns	1,552	$4,442,731
3. Cameron Smith	1,544	$6,691,487
4. Hideki Matsuyama	1,539	$4,790,866
5. Patrick Cantlay	1,410	$4,203,061
6. Max Homa	1,342	$4,134,510
7. Jon Rahm	1,270	$3,573,830
8. Jordan Spieth	1,255	$3,819,864
9. Tom Hoge	1,230	$3,597,908
9. Sungjae Im	1,117	$3,188,024
10. Talor Gooch	1,205	$3,402,501
12. Viktor Hovland	1,114	$3,821,599
13. Rory McIlroy	1,096	$4,375,111
14. Cameron Young	1,050	$3,320,971
15. Justin Thomas	968	$3,121,111
16. Joaquin Niemann	955	$3,366,171
17. Collin Morikawa	955	$3,575,733
18. Xander Schauffele	936	$2,825,664
19. J.J. Spaun	897	$2,486,962
20. Sepp Straka	895	$2,921,684
21. Will Zalatoris	872	$2,852,150
22. Luke List	847	$2,462,829
23. Seamus Power	812	$2,302,035
24. Billy Horschel	780	$2,519,628
25. Cameron Tringale	780	$2,405,265
26. Jason Kokrak	779	$2,245,111
27. Kevin Kisner	769	$3,125,038
28. Kyoung-Hoon Lee	767	$2,377,175
29. Shane Lowry	764	$2,708,106
30. Russell Henley	757	$2,236,205
31. Maverick McNealy	754	$2,055,082
32. Keegan Bradley	751	$2,858,128
33. Davis Riley	729	$2,007,377
34. Corey Conners	703	$2,500,380
35. Sebastian Munoz	686	$2,038,612
36. Matt Fitzpatrick	685	$2,229,894
37. Mackenzie Hughes	670	$1,879,851

Colton Herta won the IndyCar road-course race Saturday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Herta said the victory ahead of the Indy 500 was "nice for momentum." **DARRON CUMMINGS/AP**

AUTO RACING IN THE PITS

Herta takes stage ahead of Indy 500

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The stage now belongs to Colton Herta, the young American driver who through both patience and persistence has forced his way into international conversations.

Herta effortlessly navigated his way through three days embedded with McLaren at Formula One's Miami Grand Prix, where he got an invitation-only closeup of his upcoming opportunities. He will test for McLaren at some point this season, and Herta just might be the one to end the seven-year drought of an American driver on the F1 grid.

He still has his current job, of course, and on Saturday picked up his first win of the IndyCar season with an entertaining drive through the rain on the road course inside Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Now it's time for the main event, the Indianapolis 500, a race that really could fast-track Herta's hopes of landing an F1 seat. Indianapolis Motor Speedway opens Tuesday for practice and the buildup to "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" on May 29.

"It's nice for momentum," Herta said after his seventh career victory. "For the team and for me to be on a high note going into the month of May, it feels great. Hopefully we can reap some of the benefits of that, turn that into some speed and everyone is going to be working that much harder to be back (in victory lane) in two week's time."

Herta chased his F1 dreams early in his career when he moved to England alone as a teenager and tried to work his way through the ladder system. His path stalled and he returned to the United States ahead of the 2017 season.

Now he's the star driver at Andretti Autosport seeking a career-changing Indy 500 victory.

F1 has gained massive traction in North America and American companies have been lining up to join the action. As Herta tries to leapfrog Dalton Sargeant (a Floridian competing in F2) and Jak Crawford (a Charlotte native competing in F3) as F1's next American, he can use the Indy 500 to attract the sponsorship that could get him into the global series sooner rather than later.

Alexander Rossi, Herta's current teammate at Andretti, was the last American driver to start an F1 race in 2015.

Herta was spectacular at Indy in the rain on Saturday and the in-car camera angles of the 22-year-old Californian manhandling his steering wheel — and saving a slide on the wet track from a disastrous spin — were breathtaking.

But the 500 is an entirely different beast, which Herta learned firsthand last year with a strong leadup to race day. He qualified second, started on the front row and led 13 laps before strategy backfired and he faded to a disappointing 16th-place finish.

The field this year is as competitive as ever and headlined by defending Indy 500 winner Helio Castroneves, who will seek a record fifth victory. Will Power has quietly put together one of the best season starts of his career, and although he's the only Team Penske driver without a win through five races this season, he's yet to finish lower than fourth and moved into the IndyCar points lead over the weekend.

Reigning champion Alex Palou finished runner-up to Castroneves in the 500 a year ago and was fixated on what he did wrong to lose the race. Juan Pablo Montoya returns for a second-consecutive season as he tries to win for the Indy 500 for a third time and he's again teamed with Arrow McLaren SP and Pato O'Ward, the popular young Mexican driver Herta is trying to beat to F1.

O'Ward tested for McLaren in December in Abu Dhabi. But when McLaren offered Herta and O'Ward identical testing contracts for 2022, only Herta signed immediately. O'Ward has since agreed on principle to a contract extension with McLaren; it is not clear if he will test in F1 this year.

Herta, O'Ward, Palou and Rinus VeeKay were the four fresh IndyCar faces last May as all four had won races ahead of the 500 in a rapidly changing youth movement in the series.

The series has since added rookies Kyle Kirkwood, the Indy Lights champion, and Callum Illot and Christian Lundgaard have moved to IndyCar from F1 feeder series. Illot was also in Miami a week ago as the Alfa Romeo test driver.

IN BRIEF

Reports: Watson to meet with NFL

News services

NFL officials will meet this week with Browns quarterback Deshaun Watson as the league continues to investigate whether he violated its personal conduct policy, according to reports Monday.

Watson, who's facing 22 civil lawsuits from massage therapists accusing him of sexual misconduct, is scheduled to speak with the league's representatives in Texas.

Watson is facing potential discipline by the league, which is independently investigating his actions while he was with the Texans. Commissioner Roger Goodell said as recently as April 28 at the NFL draft that there was no timeframe on any possible ruling on Watson.

The meeting with league officials is a significant development for Watson, who signed a fully guaranteed $230 million contract in March with the Browns after initially turning down a trade to the team.

The Browns, who sent three first-round draft picks and six total selections to the Texans for Watson, are eager to find out if they'll be without him for any portion of this season after making such a major investment in the three-time Pro Bowler.

In March, two Texas grand juries declined to indict Watson on criminal complaints from 10 women. He has denied all wrongdoing and said during a news conference with the Browns in April that he "never assaulted or disrespected or harassed any woman in my life."

Watson has given depositions in several of the civil cases. To this point, he hasn't missed any of the Browns' offseason programs.

Lisa Friel, a former prosecutor in New York, has been heading the investigation. Once it's completed, former U.S. District Court Judge Sue Robinson, a disciplinary officer jointly appointed by the league and NFL Players Association, will decide if Watson violated the conduct policy and will report to Goodell.

■ The Packerssigned All-Pro CB Jaire Alexander, 25, to a four-year, $84 million contract extension, ESPN reported. The new deal includes a $30 million signing bonus, which is a record for defensive backs. Alexander's salary will average $21 million per year, also a new DBs mark.

Horse racing: Kentucky Derby runner-up Epicenter was set as the morning line favorite for the Preakness Stakes on Saturday at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore. Derby winner Rich Strike isn't in the field of nine for the second jewel of horse racing's Triple Crown. Epicenter, trained by Steve Asmussen, and fourth-place finisher Simplification are the only horses back for the Preakness from the Derby that Rich Strike won at 80-1 with a charge down the stretch. Kentucky Oaks winner Secret Oath is the third betting choice on the morning line after trainer D. Wayne Lukas opted to enter the filly in the Preakness. Early Voting is the 7-2 second choice after skipping the Derby.

Soccer: The British government has yet to approve the sale of Premier League club Chelsea to a consortium fronted by Dodgers part-owner Todd Boehly. Outgoing Russian owner Roman Abramovich isn't allowed to profit from the proceeds of the sale since he was sanctioned and his assets were frozen for his links to President Vladimir Putin after the invasion of Ukraine.

WEATHER

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Sunshine, some fair weather clouds, breezy and less humid. West winds at 10 to 20 mph.	Sunny and delightful.	Chance for a morning shower, some afternoon sunshine developing.	Partly sunny, warmer and more humid.	Mostly sunny, hot and humid.
HIGH 75° LOW 50°	HIGH 73° LOW 52°	HIGH 73° LOW 54°	HIGH 83° LOW 62°	HIGH 92° LOW 66°

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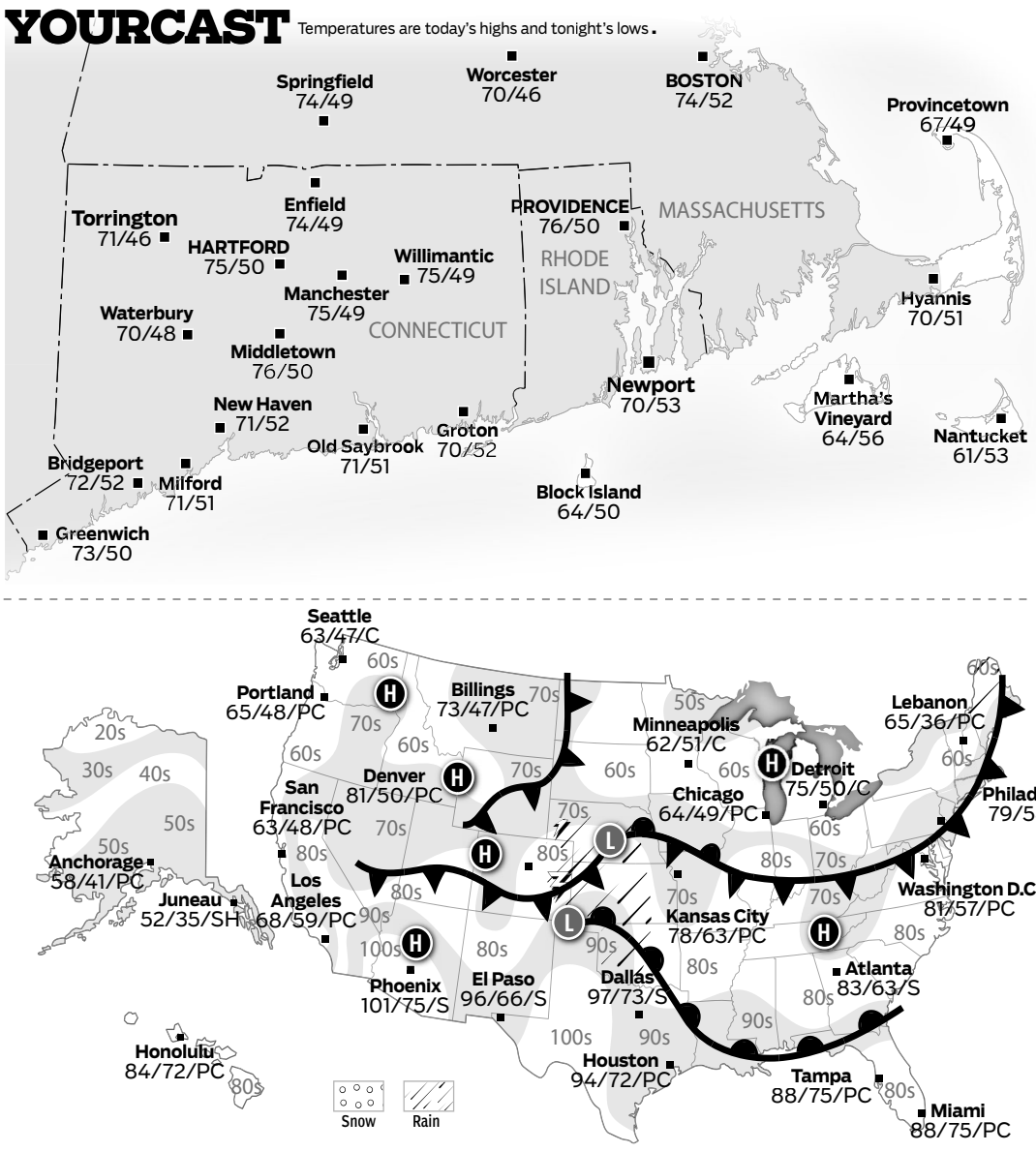
YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

After a round of showers and thunderstorms Monday afternoon and evening, it looks as though the rest of the week will be tranquil with little more than a passing shower or two Wednesday night and Thursday morning. The bigger deal is the taste of summer on Saturday with high temperatures in the lower 90s and dew points that will be climbing into the mid-60s that should result in Heat Index temperatures in the mid-90s. In the meantime, high pressure will bring sunshine and some fair-weather clouds on Tuesday with low humidity levels and breezy conditions.

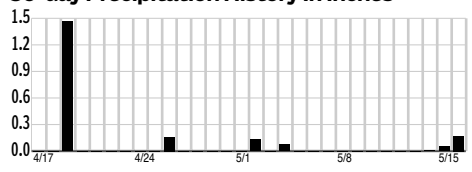
-Gary Lessor

ALMANAC

Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.22	0.12
Month to date	0.43	1.90
Total this year	15.13	16.00

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



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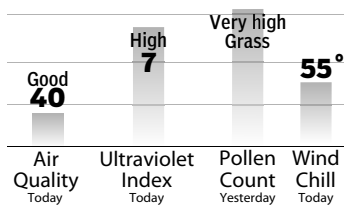


	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:29 a.m.	5:28 a.m.
Sunset	8:05 p.m.	8:06 p.m.
Moonrise	10:26 p.m.	11:36 p.m.
Moonset	6:24 a.m.	7:17 a.m.

Moon Phase

Last	New	First	Full
May 22	May 30	June 7	June 14

Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	10:56 a.m. 11:12 p.m.	5:17 a.m. 5:13 p.m.	64°
Saybrook Jetty	a.m. 12:07 p.m.	6:10 a.m. 6:06 p.m.	62°
Connecticut River at Portland	2:15 a.m. 2:50 p.m.	9:56 a.m. 9:52 p.m.	
Madison	a.m. 12:35 p.m.	6:22 a.m. 6:31 p.m.	62°
New Haven	12:17 a.m. 12:55 p.m.	6:46 a.m. 6:55 p.m.	61°
Stamford	12:21 a.m. 12:59 p.m.	7:00 a.m. 7:09 p.m.	58°

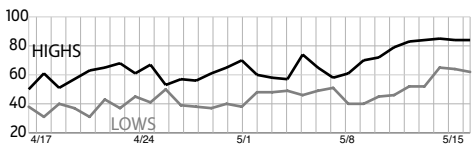
River Stage at Hartford: 4.11 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
	MSunny	MSunny	MSunny
Wind	W, 10-15	W, 10-20	W, 15-20
Seas	2-3 ft.	2-3 ft.	3-4 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Monday	84 at 12:15 p.m	62 at 6:17 a.m
Normal for date	72	48
Record for date	91 in 1965	35 in 1947
A year ago	76	53
Range this year	85	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - May 16	5287	5780	5354

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	29.78 at 12 a.m.	29.53 at 6 p.m.
Dew point	64° at 12 a.m.	61° at 4 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND				Baltimore	80	51	PC	Nashville	85	59	S	San Juan	89	78	PC	Budapest	73	52	T
Bangor	68	41	C	Bismarck	69	45	SH	New Orleans	90	74	PC	Tucson	99	67	S	Buenos Aires	61	46	SH
Burlington	60	36	SH	Boise	74	48	S	New York	77	52	PC	**WORLD**				Cairo	89	64	S
Caribou	60	38	SH	Buffalo	56	41	PC	Okla. City	91	69	T					Cancun	86	73	PC
Concord	70	39	PC	Charleston	85	63	S	Omaha	77	58	T	Amsterdam	75	50	PC	Dubai	99	75	S
Montpelier	56	34	SH	Cincinnati	78	57	PC	Orlando	92	71	PC	Athens	84	63	S	Dublin	61	43	R
Mt. Wash.	32	18	C	Cleveland	62	48	PC	Pittsburgh	68	45	PC	Bangkok	99	81	T	Edinburgh	66	49	C
Portland	70	44	PC	Indianapolis	77	58	PC	Raleigh	84	56	PC	Barbados	87	76	PC	Helsinki	57	45	C
Woods Hole	70	45	PC	Jacksonville	89	67	PC	St. Louis	81	63	PC	Beijing	86	59	C	Hong Kong	77	72	PC
NATION				Las Vegas	99	74	S	Salt Lake City	75	51	C	Beirut	76	63	PC	Istanbul	77	57	C
Albany	65	39	PC	Miami Beach	85	76	PC	San Antonio	100	73	PC	Berlin	66	46	C	Jerusalem	77	57	S
Albuquerque	89	59	S	Milwaukee	57	45	PC	San Diego	65	60	C	Bermuda	76	68	SH	Johannesburg	66	43	T
Atlantic City	80	48	S																

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

Kingston	88	75	PC	Stockholm	56	36	PC
Lisbon	75	61	PC	Sydney	70	48	S
London	77	57	PC	Tel Aviv	76	59	PC
Madrid	86	61	PC	Tokyo	77	59	C
Mexico City	94	72	S	Toronto	64	45	PC
Milan	88	63	C	Vancouver	55	45	PC
Montreal	59	45	R	Warsaw	64	37	S
Moscow	57	45	R				
Nassau	88	72	T				
New Delhi	106	90	S				
Paris	84	63	S				
Prague	68	52	SH				
Rio de Janeiro	75	59	R				
Rome	86	61	C				
Seoul	81	59	S				
Singapore	95	77	S				

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MONDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CCC-North
NEWINGTON 5, NEW BRITAIN 3
NB 000-020-**1**—3-5-1
N 300-200-**x**—5-8-2
WP: Gavin Gray. **LP:** Elian Collado. Rec.: **N**—13-3; **NB**—3-14.
CCC-East
ENFIELD 5, EAST CATHOLIC 4
EC 002-000-**2**—4-6-1
E 100-003-**1**—5-11-2
WP: Chris Selle. **LP:** Brayden Collazo. Rec.: **E**—8-7; **EC**—7-9. **Note:** Thomas Kluntz was 3-for-3with 2doubles, 1RBI for Enfield. Nathan Grzybowski was 2-for-3for East Catholic.

CCC-Inter
BERLIN 10, GLASTONBURY 9
WP: Ryan Hines. **LP:** Dan Cantafi. **HR: B**—Sal Dastoli. Rec.: **B**—7-10; **G**—12-4. **Note:** Dastoli hit a walk-off grand slam in the bottom of the 7th.
LEWIS MILLS 5, MANCHESTER 1
ROCKY HILL 4, E.O. SMITH 0
SOUTH WINDSOR 3, MALONEY 1
TOLLAND 11, HARTFORD PUBLIC/HMTCA 1
RHAM 14, BRISTOL CENTRAL 4
FARMINGTON 6, EAST HARTFORD 2

NCCC
SOMERS 13, CANTON 2 (5)
C 000-**02**—2-3-3
S 542-**2x**—13-9-3
WP: Kaede Wood. **LP:** Devin Brown. **HR: S**—Colby McCormick. Rec.: **S**—14-4; **C**—9-8. **Note:** Cody Palazzesi was 2-for-3with a double, 5RBI and Thomas Lesco was 2-for-2with 3runs scored. Robert Dlubac was 2-for-3for Canton.
COVENTRY 8, WINDSOR LOCKS 0
C 201-020-**3**—8-13-1
WL 000-000-**0**—0-2-3
WP: AJ Rooks. **LP:** Jose Ramirez. Rec.: **C**—13-5; **WL**—6-11. **Note:** Rooks had 11strikeouts. Nate Cordner was 4-for-4with a double and Matt LaFountain was 4-for-5with 2RBI.
SMSA 8, STAFFORD 2
ST 011-000-**0**—2-5-8
SM 120-311-**x**—8-6-0
WP: Rory Mayer. **LP:** Mason Wilson. Rec.: **SM**—9-9; **ST**—11-7. **Note:** Dylan Kolakowski was 2-for-3with a triple and Zaynn Godbee had 2RBI for SMSA.
GRANBY 17, BOLTON 1 (5)
WP: Everett Paine. **LP:** Andrew Goodness. **HR: G**—Josh Selander (2). Rec.: **G**—8-8; **B**—0-17. **Note:** Selander was 3-for-3with 6RBI.
SUFFIELD 2, EAST GRANBY 0
ELLINGTON 6, ROCKVILLE 5
Shoreline
HADDAM KILLINGWORTH 3, CROMWELL 1
C 000-000-**1**—1-4-0
HK 011-100-**x**—3-7-0
WP: Alex Sheehan. **LP:** Zach Zajac. Rec.: **HK**—12-6; **C**—8-10. **Note:** Nick Glynn and Lucas Kamoen each had 2hits for H-K. Zajac had 2hits for Cromwell.
VALLEY REGIONAL 15, EAST HAMPTON 0
COGINCHAUG 4, HALE-RAY 2
NORTH BRANFORD 14, WESTBROOK 3
CTC
CHENEY TECH 10, WINDHAM TECH 5
WT 100-000-**4**—5-9-4
CT 002-323-**x**—10-13-2
WP: Dylan Connaughton. **LP:** Trey Lindsey. Rec. **CT**—8-10; **WT**—8-9. **Note:** Jack McLellan was 3-for-4with a triple, 4RBI and Ben Schaefer had 3RBI for Cheney. Brody Belanger was 3-for-4 with 4RBI for Windham Tech.
NORWICH TECH 9, GOODWIN TECH 1
NT 150-003-**0**—9-7-0
GT 100-000-**0**—1-7-5
WP: Zach Shifflet. **LP:** MiAnjel Velazquez. Rec.: **NT**—10-5; **GT**—7-11.
GRASSO TECH 20, PRINCE TECH 0

CRAL
INNOVATION 10, CIVIC LEADERSHIP 2
UNIVERSITY/CLASSICAL 19, CAPITAL PREP 2 (5)

SCC
SHEEHAN 3, HAND 2
WEST HAVEN 4, CHESHIRE 3

SOFTBALL

CCC-South
BRISTOL EASTERN 17, LEWIS MILLS 1
WP: Ali Terrier. **LP:** Eliza Criss. Rec.: **BE**—10-7; **LM**—2-15. **Note:** Terrier had 9strikeouts.

CCC-Inter
RHAM 11, PLATT 4
P 100-101-**1**—4-6-2
R 121-241-**x**—11-8-0
WP: Hadley Marchand. **LP:** Emily Hart. **HR: R**—Marchand, Taylor Fitch. Rec.: **R**—14-2; **P**—5-13. **Note:** Marchand struck out 10and was 2-for-4 with a solo homer. Fitch was 2-for-3with 3RBI. Amelia Gostkowski was 3-for-3with 2RBI for Platt.
AVON 3, ROCKY HILL 1
RH 000-100-**0**—1-3-1
A 000-003-**x**—3-6-1
WP: Jackie Pengel. **LP:** Shauna Kehoe. **HR: A**—Pengel. Rec.: **A**—12-4; **RH**—10-6. **Note:** Pengel struck out 16and was 2-for-3with 2RBI. Kehoe had 7strikeouts.
TOLLAND 11, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 2
NWC 100-000-**0**—1-4-2
T 304-400-**0**—11-12-1
WP: Casey Shorts. **LP:** Jessica Burgeson. Rec.: **T**—11-6; **NWC**—4-13. **Note:** Jordan Girard was 3-for-3and Lauren Czerwinski scored 3runs for Tolland.
EAST CATHOLIC 26, BLOOMFIELD 4 (5)
EC (13)24-**61**—26-18-4
B 001-**30**—4-4-3
WP: Kylie Banchand. **LP:** Taraji Larmond. **HR: EC**—Ciara Flaherty. Rec.: **EC**—6-10; **B**—4-13.
WINDSOR 4, E.O. SMITH 2
BRISTOL CENTRAL 6, SOUTH WINDSOR 1
GLASTONBURY 8, WETHERSFIELD 0
PLAINVILLE 20, HARTFORD PUBLIC 6

NCCC
EAST WINDSOR/SMSA 2, CANTON 0
EW 000-101-**0**—2-6-0
C 000-000-**0**—0-1-1
WP: Abby Lee. **LP:** Alice Butterfield. Rec.: **EW**—10-7; **C**—10-7. **Note:** Lee tossed a 1-hit shut-out with 15strikeouts. Katie Blume was 2-for-3 with a double, 2RBI. Butterfield struck out 12 in the loss.
EAST GRANBY 8, SUFFIELD 6
EG 001-430-**0**—8-9-4
S 013-020-**0**—6-9-3
WP: Taylor Hayes. **LP:** Hayli Graham. Rec.: **EG**—6-11; **S**—2-14. **Note:** Hayes struck out 6and had 3hits at the plate. Lizzy Jamrog had 3hits, including a double, for Suffield.
BOLTON 8, GRANBY 3
SOMERS 11, STAFFORD 3

Shoreline
EAST HAMPTON 18, OLD SAYBROOK 5

CTC
WINDHAM TECH 18, CHENEY TECH 4
ELLIS TECH 15, VINAL TECH 3
WILCOX TECH 16, BULLARD-HAVENS 4

CRAL
PARISH HILL 19, WEAVER 5
PH 212-630-**5**—19-15-2
W 111-020-**0**—5-3-6
WP: Kristie Zator. **LP:** Daisy Garriga. **HR: PH**—Zator (3), Gretchen Ricci, Molly Wilson. Rec.: **PH**—10-4; **W**—8-7. **Note:** Zator had 12strikeouts and hit 3homers with 7RBI.
CIVIC LEADERSHIP/AEROSPACE 11, INNOVATION 5
I 320-000-**0**—5-1-0
CL 280-100-**0**—11-5-2
WP: Jenna Tinker. **LP:** Alice Bidoae. **HR: CLA**—Becca Eyres. Rec.: **CL**—15-2; **I**—6-7.

Others
VALLEY REGIONAL 10, WINDSOR LOCKS 8 (6)
VR 104-**023**—10
WL 012-**221**—8
WP: Mckenzie Mule. **LP:** Rene Homan. Rec.: **VR**—8-10; **WL**—5-10. **Note:** Mule had 10strike-outs. Gabi Quinn was 2-for-4with an RBI for Valley. Allie Kiczuk was 2-for-4for Locks.
HADDAM KILLINGWORTH 4, EAST LYME 3
HK 001-030-**0**—4-5-0
EL 210-000-**0**—3-6-0
WP: Kaleigh Bodak. **LP:** Abby Robinson. Rec.: **HK**—16-2; **EL**—9-8. **Note:** Brooke Hickman tossed 2innings of scoreless relief for the save. Chey LaTouche had a 2-run single.
UNIVERSITY/CLASSICAL 26, HMTCA 11 (5)
H 320-**60**—11
UC (11)(10)5-**0x**—26
WP: Celine Diaz. **LP:** Isabella Torres. Rec.: **UC**—6-10; **H**—1-16.
MLC 19, BULKELEY 4
HALE-RAY 14, GRISWOLD 8

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC-North
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 23, ROCKY HILL 3

CCC-Central
EAST CATHOLIC 15, AVON 0
GLASTONBURY 12, CONARD 6

CCC-South
TOLLAND 9, LEWIS MILLS 6

SCC
SHEEHAN 13, WEST HAVEN 2

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-North
FARMINGTON 6, HALL 5
Goals: F—Liz Neri (2), Jen Austin (2), McKenna Perry, Lile Chekas; **H**—Emma Keller (4), Hayden Smith. **Saves: F**—Lindsay Hillemeir, 6; **H**—Talia Leshem, 4. Rec.: **F**—10-3; **H**—5-8. **Note:** Keller tallied the 100th goal of her career.
GLASTONBURY 16, AVON 6
CCC-Central
NEWINGTON 18, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 8
CCC-South
MIDDLETOWN 14, ENFIELD 12
NCCC
SUFFIELD 14, SOMERS 13
Goals: SU—Ari Nichols (5), Mac Chevrier (2), Izzy Sperazza (2), Georgia Qua (2), Zoe Kaplin, Lilly Lockard, Gabby Mandirola; **SO**—Caroline Colton (5), Brooke Stevens (3), Jamie Anthony (3), Hallie Watt, Ashley Birkenshaw. **Saves: SU**—Alana Raines, 10; **SO**—Elena Riggins and Kayla Brown, 6. Rec.: **SU**—5-8; **SO**—5-10-1.

Shoreline
OLD LYME 16, CROMWELL 14

Others
MERCY 10, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 9

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-West
CONARD 3, NEWINGTON 1 (16-25, 25-15, 25-10, 25-19)
C: Aiden Buyak, 14kills, 3blocks, Julian Hartland, 19assists, 8aces; **N:** Trey Guest, 19digs, 15kills, Jackson Romano, 4kills. Rec.: **C**—10-5; **N**—11-6.
FARMINGTON 3, SOUTHINGTON 1
CCC-Inter
ENFIELD 3, HALL 0 (25-15, 25-18, 25-10)
E: Drew Rancourt, 16kills, 6digs, John Bella-fronte, 9kills, 2blocks, 1ace; **H:** Andrew Chang, 13digs, Ethan Campbell, 11assists, 5aces, 3digs. Rec.: **E**—13-3; **H**—7-9.
WETHERSFIELD 3, MALONEY 2 (25-21, 18-25, 25-17, 21-25, 15-8)
W: Andrew Knapp, 22kills, 6digs, Anduei Xhelaj, 26assists, 5digs; **M:** Adnel Torres, 14kills, 3aces, Dev Patel, 10digs, 7kills. Rec.: **W**—6-10; **M**—6-10.
NEW BRITAIN 3, EAST HARTFORD 0 (25-19, 25-17, 25-19)
NB: Lexus Sanchez, 10kills, Anthony Almeda, 12 assists, 9kills. Rec.: **NB**—9-7; **EH**—0-14.
Others
MASUK 3, XAVIER 0 (25-10, 25-21, 25-16)
Rec.: **M**—12-7; **X**—13-5.

BOYS GOLF

NCCC
COVENTRY 181, ELLINGTON 186
Medalist: James O'Connor, Ellington, 38at Ellington Ridge CC.
SOMERS 180, STAFFORD 289
Medalist: Mason Colby, Somers, 43at Grassmere CC, Enfield.

Shoreline
PORTLAND 153, EAST HAMPTON 279
Medalists: Luke Stennett and Quinn Lapinski, Portland, 36at Portland GC.

CTC
VINAL TECH 222, GOODWIN TECH 253
WILCOX TECH 199, WOLCOTT TECH 216

SCC
HAND 166, AMITY 168
Medalist: Brett Chodos, Amity, 35at Madison CC.

Others
HALE-RAY 201, NORWICH TECH 218
Medalist: Luke Karpiej, Hale-Ray, 41at Black Birch GC, Moodus.
SHELTON 162, BRISTOL CENTRAL 193
CHESHIRE 158, COGINCHAUG 191

GIRLS GOLF

CCC-East
WETHERSFIELD 190, EAST CATHOLIC 191
Medalist: Sarah Morrissey, Wethersfield, 43at Minnechaug GC, Glastonbury.
GLASTONBURY 198, MANCHESTER 222
Medalist: Morgan Peterson, Glastonbury, 41at Manchester CC.
SOUTH WINDSOR 198, EAST HARTFORD 285
Medalist: Alexa Wolf, South Windsor, 43at East Hartford GC.
CCC-West
SIMSBURY 203, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 211
Medalist: Caroline Mugno, Northwest Catholic, 47at Simsbury Farms CC.
CONARD 213, AVON 225
Medalist: Lily Nguyen, Conard at Rockledge GC, West Hartford.

CCC-Inter
LEWIS MILLS 191, NEW BRITAIN 268
Medalists: Dana Rubbo and Emersyn Hertzler, Lewis Mills, 46at Fairview Farms GC, Harwinton.
SCC
CHESHIRE 178, MERCY 212
Medalist: Sophia DelRosso, Cheshire, 38at Lyman Orchards GC, Middlefield.
Others
BERLIN 178, WOODSTOCK ACADEMY 279

BOYS TENNIS

CCC-South
PLAINVILLE 4, BRISTOL EASTERN 3

CCC-East
EAST CATHOLIC 7, MANCHESTER 0
TOLLAND 6, RHAM 1
ENFIELD CO-OP 6, E.O. SMITH 1
SOUTH WINDSOR 6, EAST HARTFORD 1
CCC-West
CONARD 4, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 3
AVON 5, GLASTONBURY 2

Shoreline
VALLEY REGIONAL 7, CROMWELL 0
OLD LYME 5, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 2

SCC
SHEEHAN 7, EAST HAVEN 0
HAND 7, CHESHIRE 0

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-North
WETHERSFIELD 7, NEW BRITAIN 0

CCC-South
PLAINVILLE 4, BRISTOL EASTERN 3
MALONEY 7, MIDDLETOWN 0

CCC-East
ENFIELD 5, E.O. SMITH 2
EAST CATHOLIC 6, MANCHESTER 1

CCC-West
HALL 6, SOUTHINGTON 1

NCCC
GRANBY 7, EAST GRANBY 0
WINDSOR LOCKS 4, BOLTON 3

Shoreline
OLD LYME 6, CROMWELL 1

SCC
LAW 6, LYMAN HALL 1
MERCY 6, CAREER 1
AMITY 7, HAND 0

Others
WILCOX TECH 4, EAST HAMPTON 3

TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

ALL GAMES AT 3:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

BASEBALL

CCC-**South:** Middletown at Bristol Central, 6:30 p.m.
CCC-**Inter:** East Hartford at Bristol Eastern; Platt at Wethersfield, 4p.m.; Simsbury at Berlin, 6p.m.
NCCC: Canton at East Windsor; Somers at Stafford, 4p.m.
Shoreline: Portland at East Hampton, 6:30p.m.
CRAL: Parish Hill at MLC, 3:30p.m.
SCC: Lyman Hall at Fairfield Prep, 4:30p.m.; Xavier at Amity, 7p.m.
ECC: Bacon Academy at Lyman Memorial, 4p.m.; Putnam at Windham, 4p.m.
Others: Cheney Tech at Bolton; Haddam-Killingworth at Ellington, 4p.m.; Windsor Locks at Hale-Ray, 4p.m.; Maloney at Newtown, 6p.m.; Manchester at Morgan, 6:30p.m.; Old Lyme at Fitch, 6:30p.m.

SOFTBALL

CCC-**North:** Wethersfield at Newington, 4p.m.
CCC-**East:** East Hartford at Enfield; South Windsor at E.O. Smith
CCC-**Inter:** Middletown at Rocky Hill; Manchester at Bristol Eastern; Newington at Maloney, 4:15p.m.; RHAM at Southington, 5:45p.m.
NCCC: Bolton at Suffield; Windsor Locks at Coventry
Shoreline: Old Saybrook at Haddam-Killingworth, 4p.m.; Cromwell at Old Lyme, 4p.m.; Hale-Ray at Coginchaug, 4p.m.
CTC: Wilcox Tech at Vinal Tech, 1p.m.; Vinal Tech at Prince Tech
CRAL: Civic Leadership/Aerospace at Capital Prep, 3:30p.m.
SCC: Hand at Hillhouse; Lyman Hall at Shelton; Sheehan at SHA, 4p.m.; Amity at Cheshire, 4:30 p.m.
ECC: New London at Bacon Academy, 4p.m.; Windham at Putnam, 6:30p.m.
Others: Windham Tech at MLC, 3:30p.m.; HMTCA at Bulkeley; Platt Tech at University/Classical; Ellington at Glastonbury; Westbrook/Portland at Stafford, 4:15p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC-**North:** South Windsor at Farmington, 6p.m.
CCC-**South:** E.O. Smith at Bristol co-op, 7p.m.
NCCC: Rockville co-op at Ellington, 4p.m.; Canton at Granby, 4p.m.; Somers at Suffield/Windsor Locks, 5:15p.m.
Shoreline: Old Saybrook at Morgan, 4p.m.; Valley Regional at North Branford, 6p.m.
SCC: Law at Lyman Hall, 5:30p.m.
ECC: Bacon Academy at Stonington, 5p.m.
Others: Watertown at Lewis Mills, 4p.m.; Hadd-am-KIllingworth at RHAM, 4:30p.m.; Berlin at Branford/East Haven, 6p.m.; New Fairfield at Cheshire, 6p.m.; Hand at Simsbury, 7p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-**North:** Simsbury at Conard, 4p.m.; Southington at South Windsor, 4p.m.
CCC-**Central:** Windsor at Newington, 3:30p.m.; Tolland at Northwest Catholic, 4p.m.; RHAM at East Catholic, 4p.m.; Rocky Hill at Berlin, 6p.m.
CCC-**South:** Lewis Mills at Enfield; E.O. Smith at Bristol Central, 5:30p.m.; Bristol Eastern at Wethersfield, 6p.m.
NCCC: Granby at Canton; Ellington at Rockville, 6p.m.
Shoreline: Morgan at Old Saybrook; North Branford at Valley Regional, 4p.m.
SCC: Cheshire at Lauralton Hall; Mercy at Hand, 5:45p.m.; Sheehan at SHA, 5:45p.m.; Lyman Hall at North Haven, 7p.m.
ECC: Bacon Academy at NFA, 5:30p.m.
Others: Housatonic at St. Paul, 5p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Others: St. Joseph at Maloney, 4p.m.; Simsbury at Cheshire, 6p.m.

BOYS GOLF

CCC-**South:** Platt at Middletown, 3p.m.; Bristol Central at Maloney, 3p.m.
CCC-**East:** East Catholic at RHAM, 3p.m.
Shoreline: Coginchaug at Portland, 2:45p.m.; North Branford at Old Lyme, 3p.m.
CTC: O'Brien Tech at Goodwin Tech, 2p.m.; Prince Tech at Grasso Tech, 2:15p.m.; Vinal Tech at Norwich Tech, 3p.m.
SCC: Lyman Hall, Career, Hillhouse at Wilbur Cross, 1:30p.m.; Cheshire at Amity, 2:40p.m.; Foran at Sheehan, 2:45p.m.
ECC: Montville at Windham/Parish Hill, 3p.m.; Bacon Academy at Stonington, 3p.m.
NVL: St. Paul at Watertown, 2:30p.m.
Others: CT 2-Man Invitational (Black Ledge CC), 8a.m.; Valley Regional, New London at Wheeler, 3:15p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

CCC-**South:** New Britain at Newington, 3p.m.
CCC-**East:** East Catholic at Manchester, 3p.m.
CCC-**West:** Hall at Avon, 3p.m.
CCC-**Inter:** Berlin at Wethersfield, 3p.m.
SCC: Amity at Cheshire, 3p.m.
Others: Hand at NFA, 3p.m.; Glastonbury at Woodstock Academy, 3p.m.; Suffield at Simsbury, 3p.m.; Mercy at St. Paul, 3p.m.
TRACK & FIELD
CCC-**North:** New Britain at Rocky Hill; Windsor at Bloomfield, 4p.m.
CCC-**South:** Lewis Mills at Middletown; Platt at Maloney; Berlin at Plainville; Bristol Central at Bristol Eastern
CCC-**East:** Tolland at E.O. Smith; Manchester at East Hartford
CCC-**West:** Farmington at Avon, 3:30p.m.; Conard at Hall
NCCC: Bolton, Coventry at Suffield; SMSA at Stafford, 4 p.m.; Canton, Granby at Ellington, 4 p.m.
Shoreline: Portland at Haddam-Killingworth, 3:30p.m.